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AN Inventorie taken of all the goodes and cattelles of the late reverend father in God Hugh Bushoppe of Chester by John Ratcliffe &c. the xxiiijth day of June 1596 In the groomes chamber Imp^{r}mis a fetherbed bolster and a mattresse with a matte xl^{s} — a Welsh double couerlet and ij blankettes xvj^{s} — a porte mantow and a male v^{s} — a presse iiij^{s} — a boarde in the windowe xviij^{d} — a bedsteed iiij^{s} — a closse stoole of sylinge wth a panne iiij^{s} In my L. chamber a matte and a mattresse a fetherbedd a bolster and two pillowes iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — a paire of greene sey curtaines and vallances xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — a bedsteede xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — ij white blankette with a caddowe and a coveringe blacke and greene xx^{s} — two trunkes xv^{s} — six bedde staves j^{d} — a casket ij^{s} — a chaire and a cushion ij^{s} vj^{d} — a presse

[1] Hugh Bellot, D.D., son of Thomas Bellot of Moreton co. Cest. Esq., of St. John's College, Cambridge, Rector of Tydde in Cambridgeshire, Vicar of Gresford in Denbighshire, consecrated Bishop of Bangor 25th January 1585, translated to Chester 25th June 1595, and dying in 1596 aged 54 was buried at Wrexham, where a monument was erected to his memory by his brother Cuthbert Bellot, B.D., Archdeacon of Chester. — Ormerod, vol. i. pp. 75, 89. Nicolas's *Synopsis*, vol. ii. pp. 827, 902.

xvj^{s} — a lyverie cupbord wth a redd cover viij^{s} — a bason and a laver vj^{s} viij^{d} — a pfuminge chafinge dishe and a cover ij^{s} vj^{d} — a fire shovell tonges a paire of bellowes and two aundyrons iiij^{s} — ij boardes in the windowe xvj^{d} — a tynder boxe iiij^{d} — one blacke gowne faced wth velvet iiij^{li} — one violet gowne faced wth velvet [*sic*] — one old gowne faced with conye xv^{s} — a blacke mourninge gowne xx^{s} — another gowne faced with taffata x^{s} — a cloake faced wth velvet and lyned with blacke bayes xl^{s} — a cloake lyned wth velvet and faced with searge iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — a damaske cassocke xl^{s} — a cassocke of grogran edged wth ulveringe xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — a worsted cassocke and lyned wth lambe xl^{s} — a fustian dubblet viij^{s} — a satyn dubblet xx^{s} — a rochet chymer and typpett v^{li} — a boxe and two martin skynnes wch my L. wore aboute his necke xx^{s} — two paire of stockinges of carsey and one payre of olde boote hose ij^{s} vj^{d} — a payre of buskins ij^{s} — ij square cappes xvj^{d} — a cloake bagge iij^{s} — one velvet hatte a bever hatte and a boxe xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — a foote clothe x^{s} — ij brushes one for velvet and a rubber . . . . . tenne shirtes xx^{s} — xx^{tie} bandes x^{s} — vj rounde handkercheffes [blank] — vj rubbers xij^{d} — iiij night cappes xvj^{d} — one fine night cappe wrought wth white vj^{d} — ij kercheffes wrought with blacke xvj^{d} — five night bandes x^{d} — iij quilted night cappes iij^{s} iiij^{d} — a glanen waste coate ij^{s} — iiij new tyckes and iiij bolsters iiij^{li} — ij paire of shoes a payre of pantables and ij payre of slippers iij^{s} — seven suger loaves weighinge lxxxv poundes iij^{li} xviij^{s} ij^{d} — a clocke xlvj^{s} viij^{d} — waynscotte in my lordes chamber xxj^{tie} yardes xx^{s} In the ward robe a fetherbed a bolster a pillow and a flockebedde lij^{s} iiij^{d} — a standinge bedde xxiiij^{s} — curtaynes and roddes xv^{s} — iij blanckettes xv^{s} — a coueringe xxiiij^{s} — a trucklebedde ij mattes and a coarde iiij^{s} vj^{d} — a fetherbed and a bolster xxx^{s} — ij blanckettes and a coueringe xvj^{s} — a turned chaire xij^{d} — ij buffet stooles couered for women iiij^{s} — a paire of andyrons one paire of tounges and one fire shovell iij^{s} — an olde standinge chaire wth blew velvet iij^{s} — a presse iij^{s} — a closse

stoole vj^{s} viij^{d} — iij hampers xviij^{d} — a warminge panne iij^{s} iiij^{d} — iij curtaine roddes lyinge over the bedde xvj^{d} In the chamber next the warderobe vj of the beste cushions xx^{s} — xij cushions more xxij^{s} — v cushions of coapes xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — a greene carpett v yardes longe xx^{s} — a chayre seat and backe wth velvett vj^{s} viij^{d} — a standinge cheare with greene clothe embrodered v^{s} — an olde shorte carpette ij^{s} — ij little tables with frames v^{s} — an yron bound cheste viij^{s} — ij damaske chestes xx^{s} — one other olde cheste v^{s} — one longe cushion of purple velvet x^{s} — one other olde one v^{s} — iij of nedle worke x^{s} In Mr Banisters chamber a beddsteede vj^{s} — a fetherbedd a mattresse bolster and a pillow xxx^{s} — a couerlet a coueringe and iij blankett^{e} xxj^{s} iiij^{d} — a presse or cupbord and a wainscot dore vj^{s} In Derby chamber a portall and ij shelves vj^{s} — a beddestocke xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — a fetherbed a flockebedde one bolster and one pillowe liij^{s} iiij^{d} — a coueringe iij^{li} — a tester xl^{s} — two blankett^{e} xiiij^{s} In the dyninge chamber an yron grate ij^{s} viij^{d} — a square table and a frame . . . . — a payre of vyrginalles xxx^{s} — ij courte cupbordes v^{s} — ten mappes one with another xvj^{s} viij^{d} — a latten candlesticke xviij^{d} In the upper towere one olde bedsteede iij^{s} iiij^{d} In ye towere chamber a fetherbed and a bolster xxx^{s} — iij blankettes and one coueringe x^{s} — a trucklebedde and two mattes iiij^{s} iiij^{d} In ye little chamber next the towre a beddesteed and ij mattes vj^{s} viij^{d} — a bagge of fethers x^{s} — woll [blank] — a hamper vj^{d} In ye garden chamber a bedsteed and a matte vj^{s} — a little cupborde iij^{s} In the chamber over the stayres a fetherbed and a bolster withe a matte xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — ij blanckettes and a couerlette xij^{s} — a beddesteed iij^{s} iiij^{d} In ye cookes chamber an olde hillinge an old blanckette an olde couerlette with ij olde flockebeddes and olde shelves vj^{s} viij^{d} In ye larder a plancke boarde with ij trestles ij^{s} vj^{d} — a beiffe tubbe with a couer iiij^{s} — halfe another wth a butte viij^{d} — a thicke plancke with ij stones x^{d} — a plancke vj^{d} — a longe shelfe xij^{d} — v longe boardes upon stoopes withe three ratchment^{e} wth hookes to hange meat on

vij^{s} In ye olde pastry a boarde wth a trestle viij^{d} In ye kitchene a choppinge blocke iiij^{d} — a boarde wth trestles ij^{s} viij^{d} — one olde boarde with ij trestles viij^{d} — a boarde with a frame to sitte on withe three olde trestles iij^{s} — ij payre of wodden rackes xij^{d} — one colloner ij^{s} — a gridyron with one yron chafinge dish xviij^{d} — ij paire of pottehookes xx^{d} — one yron peele xij^{d} — a fire shovell ij^{d} — a payre of tounges xij^{d} — ij flesh hookes and a fire forke vj^{d} — one crossebarre of yron and three other barres for the pottes with ij other barres to let the pottes up and downe j^{d} ob the pounde v^{s} — an yron clever newe and an olde cleaver ij^{s} — an yron cowrake vj^{d} — a mynsinge knyfe one paire of choppinge knyves with an old mynsinge knyfe ij^{s} — one paire of mustarde quearnes and a mustarde potte vj^{d} — a grater for breade vj^{d} — a wodden bason ij^{d} — a tubbe to water fish in a stoole an ovenstone and a trestle xij^{d} — the coales that were lefte after ye funerall v^{s} In the well a rope and a buckette iiij^{s} In Mr Vaughans chamber a fetherbedde and a bolster xxvij^{s} — iij blankettes and a coveringe xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — a beddested and a matte vj^{s} In Mr Clerke chamber a fetherbedde and a bolster . . . . . — a new blanket and an olde . . . . . — a coverlette . . . . . — a bedstead and a matte . . . . . In ye ward roobe ij halbeardes with red silke fringe x^{s} — ij plaine halberdes v^{s} — a pertison and a leadinge staffe jx^{s} — ij pollaxes iij^{s} iiij^{d} — a gally glasse axe ij^{s} — ij swordes and iij daggers vj^{s} viij^{d} — a white armor xvj^{s} — a blacke armor for a launce xl^{s} — a blacke armour for a light horse xx^{s} — a muskett wth a flaske xviij^{s} — a fowlinge piece iij^{s} iiij^{d} — iiij pistolles x^{s} — ij blacke murryons iiij^{s} In ye parlour under the dyninge chamber xxvij yardes of sylinge belonginge unto the house [blank] In ye great chamber of wallnut a drawinge table xlvj^{s} viij^{d} — another drawinge table xxxiij^{s} viij^{d} — an olde table with a broken frame v^{s} — another table with a frame xij^{s} — iij courte cupbordes xij^{s} — an olde square table iij^{s} iiij^{d} — iiij formes v^{s} — xxiiij stooles xxiiij^{s} — ij olde formes of the olde fashion ij^{s} iiij^{d} In ye great hall a longe table with ij formes

xviij^{s} — xv pikes xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — a lanterne of glasse ij^{s} In ye chappell a pewe of joyned worke jx^{s} viij^{d} — the rest of the fourmes belounginge to the chappell besydes the partic̃on x^{s} In ye bakehouse a kneadinge tubbe iiij^{s} — one bounde hoope ij^{s} vj^{d} — a syeve and a setonsinge syve x^{d} — a booltinge pype xij^{d} — an olde coumbe xij^{d} — iij olde hoggesheades xviij^{d} — an olde straw baskette iiij^{d} — ij booltinge clothes xij^{d} — ij sackes xxij^{d} — xvj hoggesheades xvij^{s} — a furnesse to boyle bieffe in xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — an oven stone of wodde iiij^{d} In ye butlers chamber a fetherbed and a bolster xxv^{s} vj^{d} — ij blanckettϵ and a double couerlett xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — a standinge bedsteed vj^{s} In ye yeoman of the stable his chamber a fetherbedde a bolster and a flockebed xx^{s} — ij blanckettes and an olde coveringe iij^{s} iiij^{d} — a bedsteed and a matt iij^{s} iiij^{d} In ye pantrey jx dozen of coarse trenchers xviij^{d} — v dozen of the best v^{s} — iij dozen of rounde trenchers wthout box xviij^{d} — ij dozen of cheese trenchers xviij^{d} — iij rounde closse baskettes and another olde baskette xviij^{d} — a coueringe baskette . . . . . — a bynge for breade . . . . . — iij voyder knyves ij^{s} — a glasse lanterne iiij^{s} — a great table and ij shelves and an arke with a chyppinge boarde xj^{s} In ye buttery vj sackes x^{s} — a rounde olde table and ij stillages for bier ij^{s} — jx glasses ij^{s} In ye wyne cellour ij stillages and one olde square table ij^{s} iiij^{d} Lynen vj paire of fine flaxen sheetes . . . . . — vij paire of rheedinge sheetes . . . . . — of rhedinge sheetes xx^{tie} paire xl^{s} — jx pillow biers one with another . . . . . — one dyaper table clothe xx^{s} — ij fine square table clothes xij^{s} — iij hall table clothes v^{s} vj^{d} – iij broken ones . . . . — v fringed cupboard clothes . . . . — iij plaine ones . . . . — one dozen diaper napkins xj^{s} — iij dozen of fyne napkins xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — iij dozen of Irishe clothe vij^{s} iiij^{d} — viij dozen of course napkins xx^{s} — vij towelles x^{s} — vij course towelles v^{s} The plate xvj syluer spoones wth gilt heades weighinge xij ounces at v^{s} the ounce v^{li} xj^{s} — xij sylver spoones without headdes weighinge xj ounces v^{s} the ounce iij^{li} vij^{d} — ij gilte spoones weighinge iij ounces [*sic*] quarter v^{s} the

ounce xvj^{s} jx^{d} — iij great white bowlles weighinge xxij ounces at v^{s} the ounce v^{li} v^{s} — iiij lesser bowlles of the same sorte weighinge xxij ounces at v^{s} the ounce v^{li} vj^{s} — a siluer beaker parcell gilte weighinge x ounces at v^{s} the ounce l^{s} — a new siluer salte with a couer double gilte weighinge xiij ounces at vj^{s} the ounce iij^{li} xv^{s} viij^{d} — a double bell salt with a cover weighinge xvj ounces at v^{s} the ounce iij^{li} xviij^{s} — one little trencher bell salt with a cover weighinge iij ounces at vj^{s} the ounce xviij^{s} viij^{d} — one other little trencher salte with a cover weighinge ij ounces halfe quarter v^{s} ye ounce xij^{s} viij^{d} — a standinge cup with a cover double gilte weighinge viij ounces at v^{s} the ounce xliij^{s} iiij^{d} — one egge cup percell gilte weighinge . . . . . ounces halfe halfe quarter v^{s} the ounce xxviij^{s} — one gilte bowll without a cover iiij ounces weighte at v^{s} vj^{d} the ounce xxij^{s}.[1] Pewter in . . . . . te his keepinge . . . . . vessell of vj sortes lxxxv^{li} at viij^{d} the pounde xl^{s} — . . . . pye plates vj broath dishes and vj . . . . broath dishes of another sorte xviij . . . . . ttinge dishes xij sawcers and vj . . . . . ngers weighinge xlij^{li} at vij^{d} ye pounde xxv^{s} — one dozen of trencher plates weighinge vij^{li} at vij^{d} the pounde iiij^{s} j^{d} Pewter and brasse in the pantrey vj brasse candlestickes weighinge xv^{li} at viij^{d} the pounde x^{s} — iiij flaggons iij bigger one little one weighinge xxiij^{li} at viij^{d} the pounde viij^{s} viij^{d} — . . . . great voyders ij pewter saltes . . . . . weighte vj^{d} the pounde viij^{s} viij^{d} — iiij bigger white candlesticke ij of a lesser sorte . . . . . sockette weighinge vj^{li} at . . . . . the pounde iiij^{s} viij^{d} — . . . . . basons ij ewers weight xiij^{li} at viij^{d} ye pound viij^{s} jx^{d} — ij old bassons ij old tunnes an old salte and iij chamber pottes weight xj^{li} at vj^{d} the pound iij^{s} viij^{d} Brasse and pewter in the kytchen one bigge brasse potte weighinge xlj^{li} at iiij^{d} the pounde xj^{s} viij^{d} — one other lesser potte weight xv^{li} at iiij^{d} the pounde v^{s} — another potte xliiij^{li} weighte at iiij^{d} ye pounde . . . . — another potte xxv^{li} at iiij^{d} the pounde . . . . —

[1] I cannot account for the difference between some of these amounts and the valuation; but they are correctly copied. J.P.

one brasse dobnet vj^{li} at iiij^{d} the pounde . . . . — an yron potte weighinge x^{li} at ij ob̄ ye pounde . . . . . — one little dobnet weighinge one pound and a half at iij ob̄ the pounde viij^{d} — a great copper kettle weighinge xj^{li} iiij^{d} the pounde iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one lesser copper kettle weighinge v^{li} at iiij^{d} the pounde — ij little dobnettes of brasse weighinge ij^{li} at iiij^{d} the pounde viij^{d} — one great brasse panne weighinge x . . .^{li} at v^{d} the pounde xj^{s} x^{d} — another copper kettell weighinge vj^{li} at iiij^{d} the pounde ij^{s} — ij yron drypinge pannes weighinge xxj^{li} at iij^{d} the pounde . . . — ij brasse skymmers one olde chafinge dishe ij little ladelles weighinge iiij^{li} at iiij^{d} ob̄ the pounde xxij^{d} ob̄ — one brasse ladle weighinge ij^{li} at v^{d} the pounde x^{d} — a brasse morter with an yron pestell weighinge xxxj^{li} at iiij^{d} the pounde . . . . — iij dozen of dishes one dozen of sawcers vj porringers weighinge lxxx^{li} at vj^{d} the pounde . . . . — iiij pye plates weighinge vj^{li} at vj^{d} the pounde iij^{s} — olde pewter xj . . . . . weighinge xiiij^{li} at v^{d} ob̄ the pounde . . . . — vj spittes weighinge lxj^{li} at . . . . — one paire of yron rackes weighinge lxiij^{li} at ij^{d} the pounde . . . . . — a fryinge panne vij^{d} The sheepe y^{t} be at Acton wethers lxxiiij^{tie} xiiij^{li} xj^{s} — in ewes xxviij iij^{li} xviij^{s} — in lambes xx^{tie} xl^{s} Horses run . . . . kyne My Lo. nagge geven to Mr George Bellott viij^{li} — a white geldinge iiij^{li} — an yron gray geldinge iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — a trottinge bay nagge xl^{s} — another geldinge bay colour vj^{li} — a white mare xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — a blacke nagge xl^{s} — an olde blacke geldinge xxx^{s} — another trottinge nagge iiij^{li} — . . . . . runte vj of them at iij^{li} a piece and . . . . . at iiij marke a piece the whole ys xxviij^{li} — a little olde cowe xxvj^{s} viij^{d} In the stable a yelowe saddle and bridle iiij gyrthes iij^{s} — an olde greene saddle and bridle ij gyrthes iij^{s} iiij^{d} — . . . . . olde lether saddle ij^{s} — . . . . . collers a great halter xx^{d} — curry combe a mane combe and . . . . . viij^{d} — . . . . . de horse cloth . . . . . shovell x^{d}.

Sum̄a CClxxiij^{li} xiij^{s} ij^{d}.

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sundry . . . . . many of them desperate . . . . . all amounteth unto CCClxxxiij^{li} xv^{s} v^{d}.

The outside sheet of this inventory is much decayed, but it appears to have been exhibited by Edward Bannester "Maritum Dorothee . . . . . relict . . . . . Bellott . . . . . p^{d} des admiñ &c"

THE WILL OF EDWARD SCARISBRICK OF SCARISBRICK ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. 20 April 1599 I Edward Scarisbricke of Scarisbricke Esquier sicke in bodie &c. ffirst I comend my soule into the handes of Almightie God my maker and Redeemer and my bodie to be buried at the pishe churche of Ormiskirke in myne owne chappell there wthin the tombe where my father was buried wthin such convenient time after my decease as shalbe thought requisite by my executors heareafter named I will that all such debtes and dueties as I owe of right or conscience to any pson be well and trulie contented and paid by my executors or els ordeine so for to be paied wthout any delay or contradiction And after my debtes paied and my funall expences pformed I will that all my goode and chat-

[1] Proved June 8, 1599. Edward, son of James Scarisbrick of Scarisbrick Esq., by Dorothy, daughter of John Booth of Barton Esq. (see *Wills and Inventories*, portion i. p. 183), married Margaret, daughter of Alexander Barlow of Barlow Esq., by whom she had issue Elizabeth, wife of Anthony Parker of Radham gent.; Margaret, wife of Lawrence Ireland of Lydiate; Mary, married John Moore of Bank Hall; Anne, wife of Christopher Anderton of Lostock Esq.; Dorothy, and Jane whose will dated 8th May, was proved 8th June 1599. Edward Scarisbrick married secondly (*Harl. MSS.*) a daughter of . . . . . Singleton of Broughton, and had issue a daughter Frances. Anthony Parker of Radham gent., the testator's son-in-law, had a daughter and coheiress Anne, wife of Henry, son of Thomas Scarisbrick of Barwick, and afterwards of Scarisbrick, ancestor of the present family.

tellę shalbe devided in to three equall partes whereof I will that Anne S. my wief shall have one parte thereof unto her owne ꝑꝑ use in man̄ of her purport and resonable porc̄on of all my goodę cattalls and debtes after the laudable custome of the countrie to her belonginge and the second parte I give and bequeath for the better p̄fermente of my daughters wth such somes of money as I shall hereafter appointe for the augmentac̄on of theire porc̄ons wch is five hundreth pownde a peece toward theire mariages by certaine conveyancę to that effect made To my doughter Mary More wief of John More gent̄ one hundreth pownde soe that the said John M. her husband shall not have any right or title therunto but that the same shalbe imployed for the benefit of her selfe and children To my doughter Jane S. one other hundreth pownde To my daughter Dorothie S. and Anne S. either of them one hundreth pownde and one other hundreth pownd unto my doughter ffrances S. all wch somes of money to be paied unto my said doughters w^th^in sixe yeres after my decease or wth more convenient speed if they can It is my will that the one hundreth pownd wch I haue herein geaven unto my doughter ffrances shalbe first paid unto Anne S. my wief her mother who I haue appointed to be her garden and the third parte of all my said goodę &c. I reserue unto my executors therew^th^ to ꝑforme my legacies and bequestę I give &c. unto Henrie Scarisbricke sonne of Thomas S. of Barwick gent̄ unto whom I haue conveied my inheritance and landę as my next heire and unto Anne Parker doughter of Anthonie P. of Radham w^th^in the countie of Yorke gent̄ who is intended to be maried unto the said Henry S. six kine and a bull and ix draught oxen wth duble furniture of yokes waynes and sitheropes[1] and two turfe waynes furnished wth whiles and axeltries foure harrowes to be indifferentlie chosen betwixt my wief and them To the said Henry S. my sealing ringe my whit bell salt postell spoones also the new chamber and the great chamber wth all the beddę bedstockes and all

[1] Sideropes used as harness for the waggons.

other the furniture therein wch do apptaine and belonge unto the said bedde and six other ordinary bedde and bedstockes six paire of sheete and other furniture convenient for them and also the pler wth all the boarde and formes therin and six buffed stooles and all my brewinge vessell kitchin vessell larder vessell and all other tree[1] vessell whatsoev savinge those wch may fall due unto my wief in her porcon To my well beloued ant Mrs Mode Scarisbricke for her better maintenance the some of foure pownde to issue furth of Richard medowe and to be paid yearlie unto her duringe her life at the feastes of Penticost and St. Martin the bushopp in winter by even porcon To my daughter in lawe Mrs Anne Scarisbricke one hundreth pownde to bee paid unto her wthin tenne yeares next after my decease after the rate of ten pownde by yeare one evie Andrewes daie To my sonne in lawe Lawrence Ireland esquyre my baie stoned horse To Anne S. my wief my greate guylt salte and sixe appostle spoones To Anne my said wief xxli To my sonne in lawe John Moore gent my yonger grey stoned horse To my brother James S. one yoke of oxen or els ten pownde To my godson Edward Ireland my guylt sword and dagger To the said Edward I. and unto the rest and residue of my sonne Ireland his children one hundreth pownde to bee [devided] equallie emongest them besydes ten shillinges in gold wch said somes to bee paid unto them within fyve yeares next after my decease at the furthest To my daughter Stanley one cowe To evie one of my sonne Parker his children a peece of gold of ten shillinges To my godson Alex Barlowe one peece of gold of xxxs To my godson Edward Scarisbrick one other peece of gold of . . . . . To my brother in lawe Richard Whittingham one yoke of oxen or els ten pownde To evie one of my houshold servantes theis somes of money followinge ffirst to Thomas Scarisbricke my servant xiijli vjs viijd to bee paid unto him by Wiffm Mullinex of

[1] Wooden utensils.

Or^{ke}[1] within foure yeares next after the date herof in consideracõn of the fyne of Woodfalls howse in Or^{ke} wch I haue . . . . . unto the said Wiłłm Mollinex for the terme of xxj yeares To my servant Richard Leghe vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} To Thomas Mason xl^{s} . . . . . Xpõfer Waringe xl^{s} To Wiłłm Whatton x^{li} to bee paid unto him by his brother John Whatton within one yeare after his mariage in consideracõn of a fyne of his howse To Percivall Gill iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} To Thomas Boyes iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} To Richard Houghton my servant vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} To Margaret Balshaie vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} To Wiłłm Blundell xl^{s} To ye old nurse xl^{s} To Anne Tailor iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} To Alice Mollinex xvj^{s} To Isabell Wodcrofte xvj^{s} To Eliz. Shurlicars xvj^{s} To the rest of all my howsehold servantę not havinge ꝑferment by leases a yeares wages To my sonne in lawe Mr Anthonie Parker xxviij^{li} All the reste of my goodę &c. I wholelie give &c. unto the said Henrie Scarsbricke and Anne Parker I constitute &c. my true and lawfull executors my welbeloved brother Alexander Barlowe of Barlowe esquyre the above named Antonie Parker and my brother James S. of Downe Holland gent̃ Theis beinge witnesses Gabriell Gorsuch John Shawe John Barton Robert Hesketh James Hill Nicholas Gorsuch Gilbert Waringe.

THE WILL OF RALPH MANWARING OF OLDCASTLE, GENT.[2]

IN the name &c. the xixth daye of November 1588 I Raphe Manwaring of Oldcastle within the countye of Chester gent sicke in bodye but of good &c. doe make this my ꝑsent testament &c. ffirste I geve and bequeath my soule &c. I geve unto my cosin

[1] Ormskirk. [2] Proved January 10, 1588 [1588–89].

Thomas Manwaringe of Caulveley my caliver with an horne flaske trimed with iron Unto his wief a pece of blacke velvett lying in my cheste to lyne her a cape of a gowne To my cosin Raphe Leftwiche my rapier and dagger damasked and to his wief one taffeta hatt for a woman To Robt Leftwiche my birdinge peece with a litle horne flaske To Hugh Prestland my pellett or stone bowe To John Manwaring sonne to my cosin Thomas M. of Caulveley my crosbowe with the windlesse To Arthur Davenporte the younger my dagg or pistole To my cosine Anne Evans one pece of tawnie taffeta in my chest to make her a foreparte of a kirtle To my cosin Margery Prestland a blacke silke knitt purse To my god daughter Doretie Davenporte one litle jyne ringe of gold To my sister Anne one gowne of sheeps color wch lieth ripped in my chest and one petticoate of stamell[1] color with a lace and facing of blacke sike To Katheryne Stanfeld my best shirte my best bande on blacke taffeta dublett or gorgett and my best shoes To John the Weshman [Welshman?] nowe dwelling with me one deares leather dublett wth . . . . . heare buttone and to his wyffe all the rest of my shoes To . . . . . Thomas Manwaring one byble my best sworde and dagger damasked and my gold ringe wth the redd stone and seale in ytt All the rest of my goodes and chattelle debte duties and demanndes shalbe by mine executore employed as heareafter in this my last will I shall appointe Whereas I haue purchased of Thomas Winne of Pentice Morgan in the countye of Salope gentleman certaine messuage lande &c. in St. Martine and Iston [or Ison] within the countie of Salope my will ys that myne executore shall haue full autoritye by vertue of this my last will to make sale of all the saide messuages &c. and the same money to bestowe in such sorte and mann as in this my last will I shall appointe viz. ffirst I will that my funerall expences and debte being paide out of all my goodes and chattelle and sales of the landes

[1] Stamell is a coarse kind of red, very inferior to fine scarlet. — *Nares.* A sort of fine worsted of which peticoats were made. — *Halliwell.*

aforesaid that my daughter Margery shall haue of the same money fforty poundes my daughter Sara M. shall have other ffortie poundes and the rest of all my goodes and chattelle I will that my sonne Thomas M. shall haue towarde his education and ꝑferment Mine executore shall haue the bringing upp of my saide children and the bestowing of theire portions untill such tyme as they shall sevallie be of sufficient age to discharg them by lawe And yf ytt happen that all [my children] dye before they shall come to sufficient age as aforesaide then my sister Anne children shall have ffortie poundes to be equallie devided among them my nephew Thomas Manwaring his children other ffortie poundes and my cosine Raphe Leftwiche his children shall haue other ffortie poundes The rest I will shalbe bestowed uppon the poore I make my welbeloved frendes and cosins Willm Prestlande of Wordhull esquire Raphe Leftwich of Leftwiche and Thomas Manwaring of Caulveley gent my executors and my good cosin and ffrend Mr Hughe Davenport of Caulveley esquier overseer &c. In wyttnes &c. Raffe Manwaringe Wyttnesses &c. Thomas Coller Robt Downes &c.

THE WILL OF CHRISTABELL WHITTAKER, WIDOW.[1]

IN the name &c. The seaventh daie of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord God one thowsande ffyve hundreth ffowerscore and ffyfteene and in the seaven and thirtith yeare of our sovaigne Ladie Elizabeth &c. I Christabell Whittaker late wyf of Thomas W. late

[1] Proved 28th April, 1595. Dr. Whitaker gives a brief and inexact pedigree of the Whitakers of Symondstone Hall, a branch from High Whitaker before 10th Edward II., but was ignorant of this will. — *Hist. Whalley*, p. 528, third ed. The present head of this respectable family is the Rev. Charles Whitaker, M.A.

of Symonndstone deceased w^th^in the countie of Lancaster widow beinge sicke in bodie yett of good and ꝑfect remembrance laude and praise be given to God consideringe wth my self that death is to ev̊ie ꝑson certeyne and the tyme theirof most uncerteyne at God's will and appointment And likewyse dailie seeinge how that div̊se and sundrie ꝑsons are taken out of this transsitorie lyf and noe will and disposition of their goode and chattelle by them made whereby great trouble doth aryse amongest kinsfolkes and frende ffor th'avoydinge whereof and for the better establishinge of all my goode and chattelle in such sorte as standeth wth my full mynde and purposse and alsoe wth equitie law and conscience and especiallie for th'avoydinge of all care and trouble in any worldly matters uppon my death savinge that of mynde wch shalbe necessarie for my soule doe theirfore declare and make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge ffirst and principallie I comende my soule into th'andes of Allmightie God faithfullie trustinge that through the meritte of Jesus Christ myne onlie Saviour and Redeemer I shalbe made ꝑtaker of the heavenlie inheritance provyded for th'elect and chosen and my bodie to bee buried in the parish church or chapple of Padiham where myne executor shall thinke most convevenient Item I doe give and bequeth unto the right worshipfull Nicholas Banister of Alltham esquyre six shillinge eight pence in trust that he will stande good m^r^ unto my children in quyetynge and appeasinge aney controversie that shall or maie aryse amongest my children concerninge this my last will and testament I doe give &c. unto Humphrey W. myne eldest sonne one longesettle standinge in the saide Humphrey his house I doe give unto the saide Humphrey one yron teame and certeyne saplinge boarde lyinge in the high chamber Unto John W. another of my sonnes twentie nyne poundes wch he doth ow mee and wch he hath in his owne hande Unto William Hewitt sonne of John H. in the countie of Yorke carpenter one heffer wth calfe I doe give unto ev̊rie childe

wch I am grande mother unto ij^s a peece Item yt is my last will and mynde that whereas I disbursed a certayne some of money to th'andꝑ of the saide Thomas W. my sonne to bee bestowed uppon certeyne growndꝑ in Craven to th'use and behooffe of mee the saide Christabell as ioynt at the bargaine of the saide growndes wth certeyne other partners and whereas the saide growndes are assured accordingly unto th'andꝑ of the saide Thomas my sonne and others the saide partners to th'use and behooffe aforesaide by Thomas Lister of Westbee gentleman ffor a certeyne tearme yett induringe as by his indenture of lease thereof made more at lardge appeareth that the saide Thomas W. shall have and enioy the saide growndes ratably wth his other partners for and enduringe all the saide yeares and the saide some of money soe bestowed wth the comodoties of the said money and bargaine unto hym the saide Thomas W. his executors and administrators for ever in lue and consideracon of his childꝑ pte or filiall porcon of goodꝑ to hym the saide Thomas W. bequethed by the last will and testament of the saide late deceased Thomas W. his ffather wch is the some of ffyve poundes six shillingꝑ eight pence and wch saide some the saide Thomas W. my sonne was contented to take in lue of the saide porcon of his childꝑ pt Uppon this condicon limitacon and purpose hereafter expressed in this my last will and testament I give &c. unto Lawrence W. my sonne the full and just some of twentie poundes that yf Thomas W. my saide sonne bee not theirw^th pleased and contented that then yt is my last will and mynde that all my goodꝑ and chattells (my debtꝑ legacies and funerall expenses beinge dischardged) shall whollie remaine and come and I freely give &c. the same goodꝑ and chattells unto them to the saide Lawrence and Thomas W. equallie to bee devyded betwixt them but yf the saide Thomas W. bee therw^th pleased and contented then I give &c. all the rest of the saide goodꝑ and chattells unto hym the saide Thomas W. I doe ordeyne

and make the saide Thomas W. my sonne my sole executor trulie &c. Alsoe I doe hartily praie and desyre the saide right worshipfull Nicholas Banister Esquyre to bee supvisor &c. Theis being wytnesses John Brandewoodd of Padiham Myles Whittaker Lawrence Brandwoodd and John Baxter clerke.

THE WILL OF RALPH WORSLEY OF CHESTER ESQ.[1]

IN the name of God the ffather the Son and the Holy Gost amen the thritteenth daie of November in the yere of our Lord God one thowsand ffyve hundreth threescore and twelve and in the ffourtenth yere of the raigne of our sovaigne Ladye Elizabeth &c. I Rauff Worsley of the cytie of Chester Esquier beinge of good and pfecte mynde and remembraunce lawde and prayse be unto Almightie God althoughe sycke in body and dredinge the soddennesse of death wch as it is to all men certeyne so the houre and tyme therof is most uncerteyne myndynge to stablishe and put in cer-

[1] Ralph Worsley of Chester and Birkenhead Esq., third son of William Worsley of Worsley Maynes, near Wigan, by Anne, daughter of Adam Birkenhead of Huxley co. Cest., married Jane, daughter of John Pike Esq., and had three daughters and coheiresses: Alice, wife of Thomas Powell of Horsley Esq.; Katherine married first Thomas Touchet of Whitley, and secondly Edward, brother of Sir Peter Legh of Lyme; and Avice, who married first Thomas Vawdrey of Riddings, secondly Humphrey Davenport, and thirdly John Shakerley. — *Harl. MSS.* 2100, fo. 32. After the dissolution of the monasteries Ralph Worsley had a grant of the site of the priory of Birkenhead and the manors of Claughton and Wolton, with lands in Wallesey, Bidston and Tranmere, which were inherited by Thomas Powell of Horsley Esq., the testator's son-in-law, and his descendants. He held numerous offices under King Henry VIII., and dying 27th December 1573, aged 80 years and upwards, was buried at St. Mary's Church, Chester. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 168, and vol. ii. p. 256.

teyntye howe and in what maner my landꝭ tentꝭ goodꝭ and cattalls shalbe imployed used and bestowed after my deathe doo therfore ordeyne declare and by these ꝑsentꝭ make my testament conteyninge therin my laste will in maner and forme as hereafter doth ensue and folowe that is to saye ffyrste and pryncipally I bequethe my soule unto Almightie God ffyrmely trustinge and belevinge that throughe the merytꝭ of his dere Sone Jesus Christe I shall have the fruycõn and be ꝑtaker of his eternall glory And my body I bequethe to Christyan buryall to be sepultered and buryed in such decent and godly ordre as to the discrecõn of th'executors and supvisors of this my laste will shalbe thought mete and convenyent And I gyve and bequeyth to the poore people of the ꝑishe of St. Maryes in Chester ffyve poundꝭ and to the poore people of the ꝑishe of St. Johnes in Chester ffve poundꝭ and to the poore people of the ꝑishe of St. Oswaldꝭ in Chester ffourtye shillingꝭ and to the poore people of evy of the ꝑishes of St. Peter the Trynytie St. Martyns St. Brydes St. Mychells and St. Towleys in the said cittie of Chester twentye shillingꝭ All wch somes before mencõned I will shall be geven and delyved to the said poore people of the foresaid sevall ꝑishes at their dwellinge howses and not otherwyse I gyve &c. to my servante Thomas Shurlocke tenne poundꝭ and to my srvante John Lowes ffourtye shillingꝭ and to my srvante James Wayte tenne poundꝭ and to my srvannte Richard Watte ffourtye shillingꝭ To Margaret Mayre my mayde srvannte ffourtye shillingꝭ and to Johanne Jamesson one other of my mayd srvanntꝭ ffourtye shillingꝭ Unto Hughe Worsley sone of my brother Otnell W. one hundreth poundꝭ And I gyve &c. for the mayntennce and releyfe of my doughter Avyce nowe wyef of Thomas Vawdrey two hundreth poundes to be bestowed upon her in such maner and at such tymes as shall be thought mete by th'executors or supvisors of this my laste will upon this condicõn ffolowinge that is to saye that yf the said Thomas Vawdrey and my said daughter Avice his wyffe do not

hold them selves contente wth this my bequest in full contentac̃on of all such pte of my goode as they or eyther of them might by any meane clayme or yf they shall refuse to make unto my executors at their request after my decesse one sufficyent release in wrytinge of all acc̃ons and demaunde wch they or eyther of them shold or might have agaynste my executors ffor or about any pte of my said goode or shall vexe sue or trowble my said executors for any matter or cause towchinge this my testament or th'execuc̃on of the same or shall demaunde or seke any thinge contrary to the true meaninge and intent of this my last will that then the said legacy and bequest of the said twoe hundreth poundе by me mad to the use and for the mayntenāce of my said doughter Avyce shalbe frustrate and voyde I gyve &c. to my cosyn Richard Birkenheade ffoure poundes in gold and to my ffrend Mr. Roger Hurleston ffoure poundes in gold and to my cosyn James Worsley of Pemberton gentleman tenne poundе and to Margaret Worsley wydowe late wyffe of Alexander Worsley decessed tenne poundе Also I wyll that tenne poundе shall be delyv̄ed unto my ffrendе Alexander Rigby of the Burghe and my sone in lawe ffrauncis Sherington to be by them distributed amongest the poore people of the towne of Wigan in the countye of Lancaster wherein I wold have blynde Gilbert Leighe to be specyally remembred I gyve to my s^rvannte Thomas Gullye my under keper of the lyons[1] twentye poundе I gyve to the wyeff of the said Thomas Gullye ffyve poundе and to Henry Johns s^riante at armes yf he shall happen to be on lyve at the tyme of my decesse tenne poundе I gyve to my cosyn Mrs Barlowe dwellinge in Lombard strete yf she happen to be on lyve at the tyme of my decesse tenne poundе I gyve to my cosyn Thomas Browne ffyve markе and to my cosyn John Banester ffyve markе and to my cosyn Henry Birkenhead ffyve

[1] Mr. Worsley was appointed keeper of the lions and leopards in the Tower of London by King Henry VIII.

markę To my cosyn Thomas Birkenhead ffyve markes To Mrs Jane ffoxwyst ffyve markę I gyve to the late wyffe of John Eveley decessed my late srvaunte at the Towre ffyve poundę yf she happen to be on lyve at the tyme of my decesse I gyve to James Worsley basterd brother to my cosyn Alexander Worsley ffyve poundę To my ffrend John Wynnington of the Temple gent ffyve poundę I gyve unto Rauffe Worsley sone of my said cosyn Alexander W. decessed tenne poundę To John Worsley sone of my brother Seth W. decessed twenty poundę I gyve &c. all and singler my landę tenţę and heredytamentę wth their apprtenncę in the cittie of London and the suburbes of the same wch Nychls Jennyns late citizen and alderman of London did gyve unto me and unto Joane my late wyffe and to the heyres of our twoe bodyes lawfully begotten unto Alyce Katheryne and Avyce doughters of me the said Rauffe W. and of the said Johane my late wyffe and to the heyres of the bodyes of the said Alyce Katheryne and Avyce lawfully begotten I gyve to my ffrend Willm Crofton ffyve markę and to Mr Willm Glaseor ffyve poundę and to my cosyn Rychard Hurleston ffyve poundę and to my srvannte Thomas Hyckacke ffyve markes Also I doo gyve &c. all and singler my landę tenţę and heredytamentę in the pishe of St Myldredę in the Pultrey in the cittie of London late in the houldinge of John Mylner decessed or his assignes unto my cosyn Hughe Worsley sone of my brother Otnell and the heyres of the body of the said Hughe lawfully begotten Also I gyve &c. all and singler my landę tentę and heredytamentę wth th'apprtenntę wthin the countye of Lancastre unto Katheryne nowe wyffe of ffraunncę Sherington and bastard doughter of me the said Rauffe W. to have and to hold the said landę and tentę and other pmisses to the said Katheryne for terme of her lyffe And I will devyse &c. that the same landę tentę and other the pmisses last before menconed shall remayne and be imedyatly after the decesse of the said Katheryne to the heyres of the bodye of the said Katheryne lawfully

begotten and for defaulte of heires of the body of the said Katheryne lawfully begotten I will that my said landes tentę and other the ꝑmisses wth th'apprtennte shall remayne and be to my doughters Alyce wyffe of Thomas Powell and Katheryne wyffe of Thomas Tutchett and the heyres of the bodye of the same Alyce and Katheryne lawfully begotten Also I will that all the residue of my goodę and cattalls wch I have not heretofore in this my testament gyven or bequeythed nor shall hereafter gyve bequethe or bestowe in my lyffe tyme shall remayne and be unto my executors hereafter named to be by them distrybuted and disposed in charytable dedes and otherwyse for the welth of my soule by the advyce of my ffrend Alexander Rigbye one of the supvisors of this my last will Also I constytute &c. my welbeloved sons in law Thomas Powell Thomas Tutchett and ffranncis Sherington to be executors of this my testament and laste will to execute and pform the same accordinge to my mynde and will therin declared as my truste is in them And I ordeyne &c. my lovinge cosyns and ffrendę Willm ffletwodd Esquier Recorder of the Cyttie of London and the said Alexander Rigbye of the Burgh to be supvisors &c. And I gyve to eyther of my said supvisors twentye poundę for their paynes and travells to be bestowed and taken in and about th'execuc̃on of the ꝑmisses In witness whereof to this my ꝑsent testament conteyninge herin my last will I the said Rauffe W. have put to my seale &c. Also I geve &c. the moytie or one halfe of all my manors mesẽs landę and tentę in Birkenhead Wolton als Woton Claughton Bideston Walazey and [Tranmere?] wthin the com̃ of Chester to my doughter Alyce nowe wyfe of Thomas Powell to have and hold to the said Alyce for terme of her naturall lyffe wthout impechment of wast And I will that the same moytie or halfe of the manors and other the last recyted ꝑmisses shall imedyatly after the decesse of the said Alyce remeyne and be to the sevall uses behoves and intentę conteyned and specyfied in a payre of indentures made betweene me of the one ptie and Alexander

Rigbye of the Burghe in the com̃ of Lancastre and Thomas Browne of Hoole in the countye of Chester gentleman of the other ptie beringe date the eight day of November in the said ffourtenth yere of the raigne of the Quenes Matie that nowe is and under such condic̃ons as is conteyned in the same indenture And also I geve &c. the other moytie or halfe of all my manors &c. last before menc̃oned to my doughter Katheryne nowe wyfe of the said Thomas Tutchett to have and hold to the said Katheryne for terme of her lyfe w^th^out impechement of waste And I will that the same other moytie or halfe of the same manors and other the said last recyted p̃misses shall imedyatly after the decesse of the said Katheryne remayne and be to the seṽall uses behoves and intentę &c. [as before.]

The following is on a separate piece of parchment fastened to the probate: —

The said Rauffe W. intendyng therby more playnly and pticularly to declare and explayne his meanynge in the legacie of the residue of his goodę menc̃oned in his will aswell before as after ye makinge of his will dyd signifie and publishe before credible psons that notw^th^standinge any thinge therin conteyned his meanynge was that Thomas Towchett and Thomas Powell shuld have the saide residue of his goodę and to be goodd to the pore as he was wonte to be in his lieffe tyme and as they saw cause accordinge to the truste that he reposed in them or the like wordes in effecte.

THE WILL OF RICHARD CROSSLEY OF SCAITCLIFFE, YEOMAN.[1]

IN the name &c. ye firste daie of ffebruarie in the thirteth yere of the reigne of o^r soveraigne Ladye Elizabethe by the grace &c. I Ric̃ Crosley of Scetcliffe in ye pishe of Rachdall and countie of Lanc̃ yoman sicke in bodye but wholl in mynde &c. I doe constytute &c. my p̃nte last will and teastament in manñ and fforme ffollowinge ffirst and princypallie I comytt my soule &c. and my bodie to be buried in the churche yearde of Rachdall &c. And as towchinge my temporall goode yt is my mynd and will that all my debtes be paied of all my wholl goode ffirst and yt is my mynde and will that the reste of my moveable goode in whose handes so ever they be or may be founde be geven unto my wyffe Elizabeth C. and to my three sonnes that is to saye Anthonie C. and John C. and James C. equallye to be devyded amonge them p̃vyded notw^thstandinge that my sone in lawe John Healey shall haue geven unto hyme by this my will ij^li xiij^s iiij^d wch he oweth unto me I make my wyffe Elizabethe C. and my sone Anthonie C. my true and lawfull executors to execute &c. meaninge that they shall not hurte the rest of my children in no wyse of theire childes p̃te It is my will and mynde that my wyffe [shall] haue a thirde p̃te of my lyvinge It ys my will that my sonne Anthonie C. shall haue the halffe of the intacke payinge his brother Richarde C. x^s a yere and after the deathe of his mother to haue the halffe of ffentons place payinge other x^s to his brother a yere Yt is my will that my sõne John C.

[1] Proved 13th January, 1588 [1588-9.] For some account of this ancient and respectable family, see Gastrell's *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part i. p. 152, note 8. This will corrects some errors in the pedigree in Corry's *History of Lancashire*, and in Burke's *History of Landed Gentry*.

shall haue one portiall of lande wch I purchas of William Stote of Ramsden wth one house of thee [three] beye and fyve ackers of lande adioyninge unto ye saide baye the name of Ramsden I doe geve it unto my sone John and his heires for ever I geve unto my sone James C. the Witt shawe and the crofte payinge unto his brother Richarde iiij^s a yere and after the decease of his mother the saide James to haue the other halfe of the Fentons place payinge x^s a yere more unto his brother Richarde C. Also I desyer my brother James C. and my brother in lawe Willm Michell and my brother in lawe George Whitley and my brother in lawe Randle Whitley to be supvysors and oversyers of the same In wyttnesse &c. in the ꝑsence of Thomas Crabtree Willm Crosley and Arthure Chadwicke and others.

THE WILL OF JANE, DAUGHTER OF EDWARD SCARISBRICK ESQ., DECEASED.[1]

IN the name &c. the eight daie of May in the yeare of our Lord God 1599 and in the yeare of the raigne of o^r soꝑaigne Lady Elizabeth the xlj^th I Jane Scarisbricke doughter unto Edward S. Esquire late deceased beinge in ꝑfecte mynd and remembrance (thankes be unto Almightie God therefore) doe ordayne and make this my last will and testament in maꝑ and forme folowinge First and principally I geve and bequeath my soule into the handes of God Almightie my Creator and Redemer hopinge to be saved by

[1] Proved June 8, 1599. Edward Scarisbrick Esq. was the receiver general and kinsman (by marriage) of Henry fourth Earl of Derby. There is a notice of him and of his daughter Jane, the testatrix, in the *Stanley Papers*, part ii. pp. 105-6. This will is, by a clerical error, there dated 1591.

the bitter death pretious passion and blood shedinge of Jesus Christ and I pray and hope to live and dye a member of the Catholicke church and my body to be buried in the ꝑish church of Ormiskerke and soe neere to the place where my auncestors ly buried as convenientlie may bee And as for my goodꝭ chattalls reall and ꝑsonall statutes legacies and other matters whatsoeṽ to me appertayninge and that by law I may geve I doe hereby bequeath them as followeth Imprimis I geve &c. to my suster Dorothie S. one hundreth poundes Unto my suster Anne S. one hundreth poundes I geve &c. to my nephew Edward Ireland one standinge cuppe of silver of v^{li} price To Jane More my neese one other standinge cuppe of v^{li} price To Christofer Parker my nephew one standinge cuppe of v^{li} price Unto Ann Parker my neese one other standinge cuppe of v^{li} price I geve &c. to my aunt M^{ris} Mawde S. the some of iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} I geve to my cosin Alexander Barlow the sum of v^{li} I geve &c. to my brother in law Anthonie Parker the some of xx^{li} I geve to the servant wenches in the house the some of xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} and the same to be bestowed amongest them att the discretion of my executors hereafter named The residew and remayne of my goodꝭ beinge ffiftie poundes it is my will and mynd that my fuñall expences and legacies beinge first discharged and paid that the reste and surplusage of the same shalbe equally devided and bestowed amongest my three sisters hereafter mensioned that is to saye my suster Ireland my suster More and my sister ffrances S. And lastlie I do hereby nominate constitute and appoynt my cosin Alexander Barlow and my brother in lawe Anthonie Parker executors of this my last will &c. In wittnes whereof &c. Jane Scarisbricke These beinge witnesses John More R. W. Ric̃ Whittingham Hector Maudesley Edward Gill.

A true and ꝑfect inventorie of all the goodꝭ &c. of Jane Scarisbricke deceased daughter of Edward Scarisbricke late of Scarisbricke Esqr likewise deceased exhibited by Alex. Barlowe and Anthonie

Parker gent executors of the last will &c. of the said Jane S. Oct. 12 1599 Imps due to the said Jane S. out of the issues and profitte of the lands late the inheritannce of the said Edward S. CCli It due to the said Jane at the time of her decease given to her by the last will &c. of the said Edward S. Cli Sum totis CCCli.

THE WILL OF HENRY HARDWARE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, ALDERMAN.[1]

IN the name &c. the second daye of Maye in the yeare of or Lorde God on' thowsand fyve hundreth eightie two and in the fowre and twentieth yeare of the raigne of or sovaigne Ladye Elizabeth &c. I Henrye Hardware of the cyttie of Chester alderman beinge at this pnt tyme of good and pfect memorie &c. Fyrst I comend my soule unto the hande of the Almightie and evlastinge God the Father the Sonne and the Holie Goste three psons and one God assuredlie beleavinge that through the merite of Jesus Christ verye God and verye man my full and onlye savioure and by whome I am assured by Gode holie spirit that the justice of God for my synnes ys satisfied and that at the laste daye I shall have a ioyfull resurrecon and of my bodye and soule and so eternallie as one of Gode electe to lyve and raigne in heaven My bodye I will to

[1] Proved March 18, 1583 [1583-84.] See his widow's will, p. 77, Second Portion. From this testator descended Mr. Samuel Hardware of Moldsworth, co. Cestr., who married at Preston in Amounderness, 21st February, 1660-61, Elizabeth, daughter of Rishton Hodgkinson of Preston, gent., and by her had a daughter Katherine, the first wife of Mr. Matthew Henry, the pious and learned nonconformist minister. She ob. 1689, and Mr. Henry afterwards married Mary, daughter of Robert Warburton of Grange, co. Cestr., Esq., and granddaughter of Peter Warburton Esq., chief justice of Chester. See *Life of Matthew Henry*, by Sir John B. Williams, F.S.A. — Ormerod, vol. ii. pp. 94, 181, and Preston Parish Register.

be buried in such place and order as appteyneth unto a Christian and as yt shall seeme convenient to my executors I wyll that my executors shall dyschardge my funeralles accomplysshe my legacies paye my debtes oute of my goode chattells and debtes wch unto me ys owinge I bequeathe unto Anne my welbeloved wyff all my messuages landes tenntes medowes pastures and other hereditamtes wth theire apprtennces nowe in the joynte or sevall tenures or occupacons of one John Lytler Willm Cotgreve Willm Modesley and Roger Sarrat or of theyre assignes sett lyinge &c. in Greate Mouldesworth in the countie of Chester And also all those my two water mylnes wth all multures waters streames fysshinges wayes and other apprtennces to the same mylnes belonging and also all that my close or pasture of ground called the Greaves nowe in my and some tyme pcell of the tenemt wherein the said John Lytler now dwelleth And also that my one medowe nowe in my and some tyme in th'occupacon of the said John Lytler and late pcell of the said tenemt all wch messuages landes tenemtes mylnes &c. I latelie had and purchased to me and my heyres of Sr Willm Sneade Knight latelie dyseassed and be and doe lye in Greate Mouldesworth foresaied unto Anne my saied wyffe for tearme of her lyffe and after her dysceasse unto Henrye Hardware my sonne and heyre apparant and to the heyres males of his bodye lawfullie begotten and for defaulte of suche yssue then the remaynder thereof unto John H. my seacond sonne and to the heyres males of his bodye &c. and for defaulte &c. then to the heyres males of my bodye lawfullie &c. and for defaulte &c. then to my right heyres for ever I geve &c. unto Henrye H. my saied sonne aswell the rest and residue of my messuages landes &c. in Greate Mouldesworthe and wch before are not devised to Anne my saied wyffe as also all that my howses or tenemtes scituate or beinge wthin the pysshe of St Peeters in the Bridge streete wthin the saied cyttie of Chester and wch I prchased of one Willm Grymesdyche mchaunt dysceassed and now in th'occu-

pacon of Robert Edwardꝑ iremonger and Robte Lawton mchaunte And lykewyse all those my three closes or pastures lyinge and beinge at Flowkersbrooke and wch I latelie purchased of the saied Sr Willm Sneade and of Randall Manwaringe late of the saide cyttie alderman dysceassed or of eyther of them to have hold &c. the saied messuages landꝑ &c. in Greate Mouldesworthe and the saied howses &c. in the saied Bridge streete and also the saied three closes or pastures lyinge at Flowkersbrooke wth all and singuler &c. unto the saied Henrye H. my saied sonne and the heyres males of his bodye &c. [Remainder to "John H. my sonne" and then "to my right heyres for ever"] I bequeath &c. unto everye of my daughters Anne Margaret Jane and Elianor and also to evye other my daughter that yt shall please God heareafter to gyve me in lawfull matrimonye that ys to saye to evye of the same my daughters wch shall happen to be unmarried at the tyme of my dysceasse one hundreth mkes and to evye of my daughters that shall fortune to be married before the tyme of my dysceasse so muche of the same mariage money as shall then happen to be unpaied and not beinge above the some of one hundreth mkes for anye one of the saied daughters and yf yt be above the some of one hundreth mkes for anye one of my daughters then shee to haue the some of one hundreth mkes and not aboue I gyve &c. to John Hardware my sonne one hundreth poundꝑ in full satisfacon of his childes pte of goodꝑ and to hym to be paied when he shall accomplishe the age of twentie fyve yeares &c. I gyve &c. that Anne[1] my saied daughter shall haue in pferm^t of her marriage three hundreth mkes over and besydꝑ the saied some of one hundreth mkes wch some of three hundreth mkes yf I do not gyve and delyv unto my saied daughter Anne in my lyffe tyme then my wyll ys that Anne my wyffe shall paye the same in pferm^t of my saied daughter Annes marriage and wch some I wyll leave in my wyves handꝑ in ready

[1] Anne, born 1562, afterwards wife of William Chantrell of Bache. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 181.

money and goulde for that purpose onlye I gyve &c. to eꝟye of my three daughters Margaret Jane and Elianore one hundreth poundꝭ and the same by my executors to be levied and taken oute and uppon twentie two tonnes of Spanyshe iron beinge nowe in the sellor wthin my mansion howse in the cyttie of Chester and wch iron I haue ꝑvided and sett theare to and for the ꝑfermt of my three daughters Margaret Jane and Elianore together wth theare saied seꝟall somes of one hundreth m̃kes to eiche of them as before in this my last wyll ys expressed and that the same somes shall be paied as my daughters Margaret Jane and Elianore be of theare seꝟall ages of twentie yeares And yf anye of them happen to be maried before shee accomplyshe the age of twentie yeares that then the same seꝟall somes as to her apptayneth shall be paied at the daye of her marriage I gyve &c. to Anne my saied wyffe one yearelye rent of eleven poundꝭ and wch ys yearely unto me payed by Sr Thomas Danbye Knight and others for manye yeares yet enduringe by force of a graunte thereof made by Sr Wiłłm Calꝟley Knight in his lyffe tyme to haue the same yearelye rent ymediatlye after my dysceasse for tearme of her lyffe, and after her dysceasse unto Henrye H. my saied sonne for tearme of his lyffe yf the graunte shall so long continewe I gyve &c. to Elizabeth Bruen[1] my daughter one goulde ringe of the pryce of three poundes, and the same ringe to be made at the dyscrecõn of my executors and by them to be delyꝟed to my saied daughter Elizabeth B. wch ringe I requyre her my daughter to weare for a rememberance as longe as shee doth lyve and I requyre her also to be as a mother to the rest of my children I gyve &c. to Robte Boothe my brother syxe poundꝭ thritteene shillingꝭ fower pence Unto my saied sonne in lawe John Bruen my best gowne and best velvet coate at his choyse to be taken oute of my appell Unto my sonne Henrye H. my seacond gowne and one seacond velvet coate at his choyse to

[1] Wife of John Bruen of Bruen Stapelford, co. Cestr., Esq., the celebrated Puritan layman. See *Assheton's Journal*, by Canon Raines, Introd. p. xv.

be taken oute of the rest of myne apparell To my sonne John H. my thyrde gowne and thyrde velvet coate I gyve &c. one other my fyne mourninge cloth gowne unto good Mr Christopher Goodman the wch I praye hym to weare for my sake I wyll that John ffyssher gent shall have one ringe of the value of fortie shillinge to weare for my sake I bequeath &c. that the residue of myne apparell shalbe dystributed &c. unto and amongest my saied brother Robte Boothe and other my frende at the dyscrecon of my executors I gyve &c. to my saied sonne Henrye H. all my waynescott glasse bedstocke tables formes stooles and hanginge in my nowe dwellinge howse called the Peele in Lyttle Mouldesworth w^thin the countie of Chester and as also w^thin my howse in the Watergate streete w^thin the cyttie of Chester and also one cuppe of sylver dubble gylte wth imagerye uppon the same w^thout cover and wch cuppe was to me gyven by Peeter du Pency [or Percy] m̃chaunt strannger uppon this condycon and speciall trust by me reposed in my saied sonne that he shall quietlye pmyt and suffer Anne my saied wyffe to have the possession and use of the saied waynescott glasse bedstockes &c. to be occupyed in my nowe saied dwellinge howses dureinge her lyffe I gyve &c. unto everye one of the saied Edward Bagshawe [vicar of Tarvin] Henrye Maynwaringe and Wm Browne one goulde ringe pryce twentie shillinge I gyve unto John Lewys my servaunte fortye shillinge And fynallye my funerall dyschardged my debtes payed my saied legacies beinge alowed I gyve &c. all the residue of my goodes &c. unto Anne my saied wyffe and to her sole and pper use for ever in consideracon of the singuler good wyll and love I haue and do beare unto her and uppon speciall trust that shee wylbe and remayne a lovinge and carefull naturall mother unto o^r children and the more hable to pvyde for theare good educacon my leases concerninge all lande tente and mylnes in Brombroughe and all my goode and chattels in Brombroughe Courte or w^thin the pysshe of Brombrough onelye excepted And for the pformance &c. I consti-

tute Anne my saied wyffe and Henrye H. my sonne my executors and doe nominate Sr George Calveley Knight overseer &c. In wytnes whereof &c. [No witnesses.]

THE WILL OF URIAN DOD OF CLEMENT'S INN, LONDON.[1]

IN the name &c. I Uryan Dod of Clementę Inne in the countie of Middł gent̃ beinge sicke in bodie but of whole and pfect memorie do make this my laste will and testament in maner and forme folowinge viz. ffirste I bequethe my soule &c. Itm I geve &c. to my two systers Marie and Jane all such landę tentę and hereditamentę as lye and are in Standbrige wthin the countie of Bedd wiche were late purchased by my father of one Rawlins and all benefit pfit and comoditie therunto belonging in as large and ample maner as my said father had the same by purchase to haue and to hold to them the said Marie and Jane and to theire heires for ever I geve &c. to my said syster Marie my cheine of goulde wch was my fathers I geve &c. to my syster Jane one of my two ringes wch was my fathers at the election and chose of my mother to delyver of them which she lysteth I geve &c. all my plate and other houseoulde goodes to the rest of my sisters not named before I geve to my mother my lease and terme of yeres of my land in Barton in the countie of Chester to haue &c. for and duryinge suche tyme as [is] yet to come and unexpired in the same leasse I geve &c. to my

[1] Proved May 19, 1582. The testator was son and heir of Randle Dod of Edge co. Cest. Esq. by Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Thomas Horton of Toternhoe co. Bedford, and dying without issue his estates passed to his cousin Sir Edward Dod Knt., Baron of the Exchequer of Chester. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 374.

unckell David Dod all that my tenẽt wth th'app^{r}tenances and all landϱ &c. to the same belonginge in Edge wich my father lately purchesed of hym the said David to haue &c. the same tenẽt wth th'app^{r}tenances landϱ &c. to hym the said David his heires and assignes for ev̄ I geve to my said mother all other my messuage landϱ &c. whatsoev̄ in Cheshire before in these pn̄tϱ not devissed to haue &c. to hir and her heires for ev̄ I geve to Katren Kandlane ffyve poundes To Uryan Kandlane my god sonne and brother to the said Katren twentie shyllyngϱ Itm wheras theire remeaneithe in the handϱ of my unckell Bartholemewe Dod tenne poundes of myne to hym by me delyvered my will and meanynge is and I wold request hym to see the same bestowed upon my buriall and to paye such other charges as are disburced for me in my sicknes I geve to Mr Edward Salisburie ffortie shillingϱ To my unckell Bartholemewe Dod and his wiffe ffower poundes To my chamb^{r} felowe Richard Wright all my bookes Itm where as I owe to one Wiłłm Pyxley of Chester ffowrtie shillyngϱ I desire that my executors will see the same payd whome I doe noïate and appoynt for the execuc̃on of this my last will and testament my said mother and my unckell David Dod Itm ther is owinge to me by Mr Edward Pylkington ffowrtie shillingϱ the wiche I geve to my said execut^{rs} Itm where Mr Thomas Dod my chamb^{r} felowe of Clemanes Inne dothe owe me thirtie shillingϱ I will that twentie shyllingϱ therof shalbe paid to my executors and the other tene shillingϱ as a legacie I geve to hym I geve to Jhon the under buttler of Cleamence Inne tene shylingϱ and tenne shillingϱ towardϱ the repac̃ons of St Clem̄tϱ Churche wthin whiche pshe I doe nowe lie I geve to Mrs Hall for her paynes bestowed wth me in my sickenes tene shillingϱ And lastely my will &c. is that all my landϱ in Shoropshire and Cheshire y^{t} descended from my grandfather and father shall remayne &c. accordinge to my fathers will upon such condic̃ons and pvisoes as are in the same will contayned and I earnestelie

request my said mother that she will use all reasonabil and lawfull meanes that the same be furthered by her accordinge to my fathers will and myne And thus I end my saied will and testament the xxvjth of June A^{o} Dni 1580 the xxijth yere of the raigne of Elizabethe. By me Urian Dodde.

Wittnes &c. Richard Smythe docto^{r} in phisicke Bartholemewe Dod of London haberdasher ffraunce Dod of the same cytye haberdasher Edward Salisbury off Greas Inn.

THE WILL OF THOMAS BRERETON OF BARROW, GENTLEMAN.[1]

IN the name &c. I Thomas Brereton of Barrowe in the countie of Chest^{r} gent. sicke in bodie but of pfecte mynde thanke be to the Lord God do institute and make the xxjth day of July in the yeere of o^{r} Lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth fowerscore and seven this my last will and testament in manñ and fourme following ffirst I geve &c. my sowle into the hande of Almightie God my maker and Redemer and my bodie to be buried in the pish churche of Sherborne Saincte John in the countie of Sowth̃ I geve &c. to my daughter Elizabeth B. my whole estate and interest wch nowe I have in a certaine lease granted me by my brother Sr John Savage Knight Dame Ellnore his wiffe and John Savage Esquier his sonne lying and being in Browme Hill in the parish of Barrowe aforsaid commonly called and knowen by the name of the Lower Howse wth

[1] Proved 14th February 1587 [1587-8]. Sir William Brereton Knt. Chamberlain of Chester, Groom of the Chamber to King Henry VIII., married Elizabeth, daughter of Charles Somerset Earl of Worcester, widow of Sir John Savage of Clifton co. Cest. Knt., and was beheaded 17th May 1536. He was most probably the father of the testator. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 528, vol. ii. p. 377.

all comodities and appurtnnce whatsoev therunto belonging for the tearme of her naturall lyfe And yf my said daughter Elizabeth shall have any yssue of her bodie lawfullie begotten living at the day of her death that then my will is the pmisses and evy pte therof shalbe and remayn to the eldest sonne wch my said daughter shall so have at the daie of her death and yf my said daughter Elizabeth shall die wthout yssue male then also my will [is] that the pmisses and evy pte therof shall be and remayn to her eldest daughter wch shalbe then lyving at the daie of my said daughter Elizabeth her death and yf my said daughter Elizabeth shall die wthout yssue of her bodie lawfullie begotten that then my will and meaning is that my two sonnes John B. and Willm B. shall have hold occupie and enioy all myne estate tearme and interest in the said lease ioyntlie together during the said tearme Alsoe I bequeath to my twoe sonnes aforsaid John B. and Willm B. to either of them foure marke a piece to be paid them by myne executrix when they shall come to ye full age of xvjtene yeares oulde And for the residue of all my goode chattelle and debte whatsoev aft my debte paid my funerall expences dischardged and my legacies in this my last will and testament fulfilled I wholie geve &c. them to my said daught Elizabeth ffurthermore I make &c. my welbeloved in Christ Sr John Savage Knight my brother Sr Henry Bagnall Knighte Willm Brereton Esquier my nephewe John Savage Esquier my brother Henry Savage Esquier and my nephewe Edward Savage Esquier my true and lawfull ovseers of this my last will and testamt to see the same fullie fulfilled as is aforsaid and as hereaft shalbe by me added unto this my will Lastlie I institute &c. my daught Elizabeth B. my sole and onelie executrix of this my said last will and testament In witnes hereof I the said Thomas B. have &c. in the presence of &c. John Gerrard Willm Brereton Ed. Savage Edw. Shawe Humphrey Manwaring the marke of Thoms Hille.

Memorandum. That although I Thoms Brereton have made my

will under my hand and seale before herein written yet my will and meaning is that myne executrix and ovseers shall see theis thinge herin menconed fulfilled and pformed in evy point ffirst for my buriall that it be in such maner as pleaseth myne ovseers so as foure marke be given to the pore wherof Symon Croke to have iij^{s} iiij^{d} Robt Williamson ij^{s} Margret Towers ij^{s} Also I geve to my nephew Edward Savage my virginalle I geve to my brother Henry Savage all my gunnes fowlinge piece and my stone bowe and all the implemente to them belonginge in token of the naturall goodwill wch hath bene betwene us I geve to Thomas Hill for his paynes taking in this my sicknes my ridinge cloake and x^{s} To my cosen Thomas Prestlande my blacke tuftafata hosen I geve him also my short black cloth cloake the velvet being taken out I geve unto my sister Margaret Savage a guilt sylver spoone desiringe her to be good to my children ffurthermore I will &c. that my nephewe Edward Savage and my daughter Elizabeth B. have eithr of them a sevall keye of my newe chest wch stande in my brother Henries howse at Barowe wherin my money writinge and some other thinge are so as the one of them shall not goe to the said chest wthout the other and that my brother Henry Savage and my nephewe Edward Savage shall take and receive aswell the profite of my tenem^{t} in Barowe yerelie as also all other sumes wch are or shalbe due unto me of any manner of pson or psons untill the daie of my said dought^{rs} mariage and that they shall see the same revenewes and profite both of my said farme and also all other summes wch they shall so receyve to be put up safflie in the said chest to be for the use of my said daughter and she to receive the same fully at the said daie of her mariage and yf theare be any necessarie occasion to disburse any pte or pcell of any part of the pmisses towarde my said daughters maintennce that then such summe or sumes so to be employed shalbe bestowed uppon her in such sort as my brother Henrie Savage and my nephewe Edward Savage shall thinke convenient or appoint and not other-

waies In witnes hereof I have the xxvth daie of July 1587 &c. Theis pcelle followinge are to be delivered of my nephewe Edward S. to my daughter Elizabeth B. Imp^{r}mis vj yarde and a halfe of black satten being in two piece Itm one sylver bowle wch cost me v nobles Itm one silv salt wth a cover pcell guilt wch cost me xxx^{s} Itm I geve to my brother Henry Savage one of the forenamed piece of black satten contayning iij yarde and a quarter he to choose whether piece he will Thoms Bereto W. Brereton Edward Shawe John Savage Edward Savage John Wither.

THE WILL OF ANNE BRERETON OF STRETTON, WIDOW.[1]

IN the name &c. the fyfteenth daye of January in the yeare of o^{r} Lord God 1580 and in the xxiijth yeare of the reigne of our sovereigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace &c. I Anne Brereton of Stretton in the pishe of Tylston in the coutye of Chester widowe beinge aged and cosidering the tyme of death uncertaine but of pfectt whole mynd and memory God be praysed therefore do make this my last will &c. ffirst I comend my soule &c. and my bodye to be buryeede in the earthe under the pewe wthin the chauncell of the pishe churche of Tylston I bequethe to the repacons of the same churche of Tylston x^{s} I gyve unto the poore people of the same pishe xl^{s} and other xl^{s} to the poore people of the towne of Hodnutte to be distributed to them at the discrecon of my exec according to the necessitye of the psons I gyve to Sr Hughe Cholmondley my best horse yf my landlord do not take him for harryotte and if hee so doe then I gyve to hym my best yoke of

[1] Proved April 1581.

oxen I gyve to my cosen Alyce Corbette of Stoke my best gold ryng and damaske kyrtle I gyve unto my cosen Mr Willm Gratewoode one old aungell and to my cosen Mary Gratewoode his wyfe one old aungell I gyve unto my cosen Thoms Wilbram of Wood[hey] Esquyer one ryall of gold To my cosen ffrance Wilbram his wyfe two ffetherbedde two fflocke bedde two bor . . . . . and four pillowes two whyte blankette two red blankette ffour payre fflaxen shete wth curtens belonging to ye [same] my best cofer or chest two dozen of napkyns of the best my best table clothe and my best towell I gyve unto my . . . . . Hughe Cholmeleye Esquyer sixe silver spoones To my cosen Mr Richard Cholmley four of my kyne at . . . . . wth sixe poundes xiijs iiijd in money I gyve unto my goddaughr Dorothye Wilbram my best gowne and two of those my kyne at W. . . . . I gyve unto my sister Brereton of Barrell my best cloth gowne To my sister Bostocke my best peticote and my velvet hat To my cosen Watson pson of Tylston two of my best kyne here at home I gyve to Alyce Haughton of Haughton wydow xs To my goddaughter Anne Haughton two of those my kyne at Wylley I gyve unto Sr Edmund Eyton xs To my cosen Elizabethe Baylye a payre of fflaxen sheete and to my cosen Willm Baylye her brother xs I gyve to Elizabeth Spede my servaunte behaving her selfe honestly and in good fame one fflocke bedde one boulstir two payre of sheete th'one payre of canvas th'other of redinge wth other clothes belonging thereto a table clothe a towell my second . . . . . two pewter platters one brasse candlestycke one kow and one heffer I gyve to Katherene Gryffyth my servaunte behaving her selfe honestly and in good fame one fflocke bedde one boulster two payre of sheete th'one payre of canvas th'other of redinge wth other clothes belonging therto a table clothe a towell my thyrd brass potte two pewtr plattes one brasse candlesticke one kowe and one heffer I gyve to John Farrer and John Stene my ꝑvaunte behaving them-

selves as faythfull ꝑvantꝭ unto mee to eyther of thē two kyne [of] those my kyne at Wylley and my full mynd and will is that yf Homfrey Gryffyth shall make desyre to have the twelve kyne hee now hath and will paye for the same xij kyne xx^{li} in readye money that then the same xx^{li} shalbe devyded unto the ꝑtyes abovenamed unto whom I have bequeathed the same kyne to eꝑy one according to his ꝑcion I gyve towardꝭ the mending of the brydge at Tylston xiij^{s} iiij^{d} and towardꝭ the mending of the brydge at ye Yelde vj^{s} viij^{d} I gyve to Mrs Mary Manewring at Woodhaye one kowe To Hughe fferrer my god sonne x^{s} and to Anne fferrer my god daughter x^{s} To Anne Clutton my best brasse p . . . . . To my god sonne John Goodde vj^{s} viij^{d} To my god daughter Anne Maddoxe vj^{s} viij^{d} I gyve to my . . . . . Anne Harvye vj^{s} viij^{d} To my god daughter Anne Heskye xiij^{s} iiij^{d} of that money her father oweth me I gyve &c. to Wiłłm Haughton sonne of Thomas H. late of Haughton deceassed all those my two burgages wth all th'app^{r}tnñcꝭ to the same belonging in Hodnutte to have and to hold the same wth all deedes &c. to the [said] Wiłłm Haughton and his heyres for ever I gyve unto Anne Spede late my ꝑvaunt behaving her selfe honestlye and in good fame one flocke bedde one boulster two payre of sheetes th'one payre of canvas th'other of redingꝭ wth other clothes belonging [to the] same a table clothe a towell a brasse pot two pewter platters one brasse candlesticke one kowe and one heffer I gyve unto Ann Spede of Tylston widow two sheepe to Bartholomew Spede ij shepe to Katherene Spede two sheepe to Jane Spede two sheepe I gyve to Ellen Calcotte the bedde that shee now lyeth in wth all those clothes that shee now hath therto belonging Iłm I will that shee have vj^{s} viij^{d} eꝑy yeare during the space of sixe yeares next after my deceasse and yf shee fortune to dye before the sayde yeares be expyred then I will that Anne her daughter shall haue yearely the said sixe shillingꝭ eyght pence unto the end of the aforesayd sixe yeares I gyve unto Margaret Leeche

daughter of Willm Leeche of Chester one kowe and one heffer I gyve to John Bathowe and Alyce Heathe my ꝑvaunte to eyther of them . . . . . I gyve to Anne Calcotte daughter of Ellen C. one heffer To John Anyon one busshell of . . . . . to his wyffe the nursse a shete and a platter wch I have to gage [?] My mynd and will is that such houshold stuffe as is pawned unto mee for certeyne sumes of money as shall appeare by a note of the same by John Haryson of Barton that yf hee shall redeme the same to his owne use that my exec̃ shall let hym haue the same agayne paying therfore as shall appeare by the note I gyve unto his wyfe one bushell [of] barlye and one stryke [of] wheate All the rest of my goode my funerall expence being discharged my debtte payde and all other charges borne and allowed of the whole I gyve &c. to my executors of this my last will and testament my cosens hereafter named to be equally devyded amongst them ffynally I ordeyne and make my executors of this my last will and testament my cosens Hughe Cholmley Esquyer Thomas Wilbram of Woodhaye Esquyer and my cosen Robt Watson pson of Tylston I doe praye and desyre Hughe Cholmley to be overseer &c. These beying witnesses Willm Bathowe John ffarrer Robart Walton Phillippe Cappur wth others.

THE WILL OF RICHARD RAWSTORNE OF THE LUMME, GENT.[1]

IN ye name &c. The xxiij day of Januarie año Dñi 1592 [1592-3] I Richard Raustorne of the Lumme in the pish of

[1] Proved May 2nd, 1593. Richard Rawstorne of Lumm gent. married Ellenor, daughter and co-heiress of Richard Ormerod, and had issue Edward, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Rawstorne of Newhall Esq.; Adam, who married

Burie and countie of Lanc being something greeved wth sicknes but of good and pfect mynd and memorie laud and praise bee unto Almightie God make and ordaine this my psent testament concerning hearein my last will in manner and forme folowing that is to say first I bequaith my soule to Almightie God my maker and Redeemer and by the merite of Christe passion I trust to be one of the number of them that shalbe saved att the day of judgment and my bodie to be buried by the discretion of my executours It is my full mynde and will that my goode shalbe equally devyded into ij pte the one pt for myselfe and the other part for my three children to wit Richarde Henry and Anne Raustorne and of that part belonging to mee I geve and bequaith unto Edward R. my sonne towe boarde standing in the hall with formes to them belonginge fowre standing bedde one great brasse pott a brasen morter vij silver spoones one great ark standing in the little chamber above to bee and remaine as heire lomes att the capitall house of the Lumme I geve &c. unto Edward my said sonne all my furniture and armoure my best waine and best yorne [iron] teame my best paire of clevis[1] my best plowe my best harrowe and of all other worklomes for husbandrie one of the best the best horse or mare one peece of gould being xx^s^ my velvet girdle my pocked dagger and my worst cloake I geve &c. unto Anne my daughter xx^li^ wch Mr Raustorne oweth unto mee I geve unto everie child to whome I am godfather xij^d^ It I geve &c. unto everie servant I have one ewe I geve &c. unto Agnes my bastard daughter xx^li^ wch Mr Raustorne owethe unto me due to bee payed unto the said Agnes when shee shall accomplishe the age of xviij yeares or els doe come to mariage and if so be shee die before the tyme pscribed my sonne Edward

Grace, daughter of Gilbert Rishton; Richard, Henry, and Anne wife of Edward Heymer [Hamer] of Buckden.—From the Family Pedigree in 1737. See the testator's father's will, p. 168, Second Portion.

[1] *Clevoy*, a species of draft iron for a plough.—*Halliwell.*

to have the said xx^{li} And unto the tyme that shee shall accomplish the said yeares or els doe marie my sonne Edward to allowe the said Agnes xl^{s} yearely towardꝭ hir bringing uppe or els doe keepe hir sufficiently wth meat drinke and apparell It is my will that if Edward R. my sonne do take the ꝑfitt of the barkhouse before Michaelmas that then the said Edward is to pay for the ꝑfitt theareof unto my executoures vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} due to bee payed att the feast of the purification of Mary wch shalbe in the yeare of oure Lord God 1593 or els doe suffer them to occupie it quietly I geve &c. unto Ralph Hoult one sute of my worst apparell To Edward Nuttall a paire of gray breeches laid wth vj laces and one dublet of milion fustion and my best paire of netherstockꝭ saving one To Rogger Pilkington one paire of lynnen breeches cutt To my sonne Henry my best cloake best dublet best jirkin and my best hose To William Pilkington one dublet of cutt canvas and one paire of new shooes To Henry Raustorne of the Kyrcrofte ye best paire of bootꝭ To Lawrence Whitaker a paire of shooes I geve to my daughter in lawe att the Newhall my syde saddle wth harnish belonging theareto I geve unto my daughter Anne hir mothers best gowne and best hat lyned wth velvet I geve unto Anne Duckworthe the best heffer calfe calved since Christmas I geve unto Ralph Hoult my worst bootꝭ and to Thomas Boothe my ryding saddle It̃ after my deceasse I geve &c. all the rest of my ꝑt of goodꝭ my dettꝭ payed and funerall expenses discharged and these legacies above rehersed unto Henry my sonne and Anne my daughter equallie to bee devyded betwixt them I ordaine constitute and make Henry my sonne and Anne my daughter my true and lawfull executoures to execute ꝑforme and fulfill this my last will &c. I desyre Thomas Nuttall of Tottington to bee the overseer &c. and unto him do I geve my best bagge and my hengger Theese wittnesses John Cowopp Edmond Pilkington and John Raustorne.

Among "dettę which I owe" is ye following "To the newe churche of Rossendale iij^li vj^s viij^d Among "dettę owing unto mee" Mr Raustorne xx^li John Grinalghe Esquire iij^li Robart Houlden Esquire vj^s viij^d.

THE WILL OF RICHARD CHOLMONDELEY, THE YOUNGER.[1]

MD. that I Ric̃ Cholmeley the yong^r make my will the xv^th day of June M. . . . . Richarde as ffolowth In Dei &c. ffyrst I bequest my sowle to Almyttey God It̃ my dettę to be payd . . . . . for the payment whereoff my howsold to be brokyn incontenent aft^r my decesse and my dettę paid in all possible hast and the resydue theroff to be occupied by . . . . . will hereaft̃ foloying ffyrst I bequeth xx^s to be disposed by the discrecc̃on off my . . . . . Bromley of Norbure as I have shewed them by mowth and other xx^s in . . . . . have S^r Wiłłm Venables or sū other gode prest by the discrecc̃on of myne executors to synge for . . . . . call for me oñ yere contenent aft̃ my decesse And also the second yere aft̃ to syng fore me . . . . . streeche ffor my dettę payd and to syng at such placę as myn executors will appoynt It̃ I beq . . . . . to the [ma]kyng of Malpas church xx^s It̃ to the makyng of Wrenbury church xx^s It̃m I bequeth to the grey ffreris of Chester vj^s viij^d and to all that other ordurs off ffreris there ev̄y howse xv^d It̃m I bequeth to my serūnts to be rewarded as ffolowis To Thom̄s Bromley of Norbure my best long gowne

[1] No date of probate. Richard, son of William Cholmondeley of Cholmondeley Esq., married Ellen, daughter of John Davenport of Davenport Esq., and was ancestor of the Marquis of Cholmondeley, and of Hugh Baron Delamere, of Vale Royal. His inquisition post mortem was taken 4 Henry VII.—Ormerod, vol. ii. pp. 352, 356.

To Wiłłm Marchūley the ij^{de} long gown to Ric̃ Bebyngton the iij^{de} long gowne to Thoms Tatnall the iiijth long gowne and all the remand of myn array to be delt ymong my serūnte by the discrecc̃on of myn executors Itm I bequeth to David Māryng a calf off a twelmoth age Itm to Rondull Māryng in lyke wise Itm to Robyn Wade in like wise Itm to Ric̃ Heth my mylñ in like wise [other similar bequests nearly obliterated] yff they dwell w^{t} me the tyme of my decesse an els not Itm my will is that the warde of Eggton w^{t} all the londe dewe to me by reson theroff be occupide by myn executors and a prest to be ffonde yerely duryng the nownage of the heyre to pye for my sowle my ffathers sowle and my moders sowle and for the sowles off the auncestors of Eggton afore decessid and all the ovplus to be dispowsed parte for my sowle parte to my wiff to the kepyng of my children and parte to my brether by the discrecc̃on of myn executors And my will is that Phelip Eggton[1] be maried unto Mawde my dogh^{tr} by myn executors It I make my executors my mast^{r} Sir Wiłłm Stanley and the abbot off Cumburmeyre and to have Thoms Bromley of Norbury Wiłłm Marchūley and Ric̃ Bebyngton ye elder under them to pforme this my will and to take . . . . . my said mayst^{r} and lorde abbot will appoynt them hertely besechyng them and on Godde behalf chargeyng [them] to execute thys my will Be hit remēbered that I haue rehersid thys my will afore Thoms Bromley Wiłłm Marchūley and Ric̃ Bebyngton fore the more surete Written w^{t} myn one honde the said xvth day of June and my seall setto Richarde Cholmondley the yong^{r}.

Extracts from "all such dette as I Ric̃ Cholmeley owe" To the

[1] Philip Egerton of Egerton and Oulton (ward to Richard Cholmondeley by grant of the king 10th August 1 Richard III.) married Joanna, daughter and coheiress of Gilbert Smith of Cuerdley co. Lanc. and widow of Richard Winnington of Winnington, by whom he had a son, Sir Philip Egerton Knight, ancestor of Sir Philip de Malpas Grey Egerton of Oulton Bart. M.P. His post mortem inquisition was held 26 Henry VIII. — Ormerod, vol. ii. pp. 350-1.

abbot of Cumbermere for Burlond teyth and Chorley teyth C^li^ To my brother Thoms Hynton To Willm Birke [of Chester] for iij yarde of blewe that Sr Willm Venables had vij^s^ For a payre of bote to honde[?] my childe xij^d^ For a payre shon to my self vi^d^ To Aston a sadler dwellyng in Aldursgate strete in London To my brother Rondull To my brother Hugh To my brother Stury To my sist^r^ Marie Thornes for ij yards of damaske xvj^s^.

THE WILL OF ROBERT RAVALD OF KERSALL, YEOMAN.[1]

IN the name &c. I Roberte Ravalde of Kersalle in the prishe of Manchester in the countie of Lanc yoman beinge sicke and diseasedd in bodye but of good remembrannce prayse be unto Allmightie God y^r^fore knowinge deathe to bee ctayne to ev man and the tyme and howre most uncertayne beyinge mynded for advoydinge of further troble to sett suche thinge in a redynes as yt hath pleased God to endowe me withall do make this my psente testament conserninge herin my last will in manner and forme followinge That is to saie first and principallie I commytte and bequethe my soule into the handes of Allmightie God my creatour trustinge by the myerette of Christes passionn to be one of ye nomber of ye ellecte

[1] Proved April 1578. Robert Ravald, ancestor of a highly respectable family formerly resident in Manchester and the neighbourhood, was buried at the Collegiate Church, 27 February, 1577-8. He married Anne, daughter of Robert Wroe of Heaton, yeoman. Her sister Jane was the wife of Henry Chetham of Crumpsall, the father of Humphrey Chetham Esq., the Founder. — *Lanc. MSS.* Mr. Whatton, in his *History of the Chetham Hospital and Library*, p. 129, states that Henry Chetham married *Margaret*, daughter of *Roger* Wroe, which the will of Robert Wroe, dated 7 December 8 Elizabeth and proved at Chester 25 February 1565-6, shows to be erroneous.

And my bodye to be buried in the prishe churche or church yord of Manchester or elswhere wheare yt shall please God to dispose yt My funerall expences and my dette shalbe first payd of my wholle goodes and that doune yt is my will that the reste of my goodes savinge instrumente belonginge to husbandrye shalbe devided into foure equall partes amongste foure of my yonger childrenn whereof I bequethe one parte to Jane my doughter the seconnde parte to my doughter Katheranne the thirde parte to my doughter Margarett and the ffourthe parte to my sonne Richard R. I owe to my sonne and heir Robert Ravalde the sume of fyve poundes Also I owe to my sister Elizabeth Ravalde tenne poundе I geve &c. unto my sonne Robert Ravalde a meale arke a malte arke one coffer that was my fathers and all my cartes waynes wheles ploughes harrowes axes nogars spades and shovels and all my other instrumente belonginge unto husboundrye I owe to Jamys Marecroft fourtie two shillinge sexpence I owe unto Edmond Heywood nyne poundes to be paid to hym upon the feast daie of Philippe and Jacob[1] next Henry Munckе dothe owe me fyftye three shillinge iiij^{d} Jamys Cromptonn of Darcy Lever dothe owe me elevenn poundе and twelve shillinge remainder of a greater some as by his bill of dett dothe appeare Also ye said Jamys Cromptonn and Willm Hyndley of the Chowbent are indebted unto me elevenne poundе the remainder of fourtye two poundes as by a bill of their handes more plainlye dothe appeare Robert Chadwicke of Ratchdale prishe dothe owe me for xv^{ne} peces of cottons sextene poundes xvij^{s} and vj^{d} Lauraunce Fogge oweth me for xiiij^{ten} peeses of cottons fouretenne poundes xviij^{s} viij^{d} to be paid upon the feast day of Philippe and Jacob next Robert Corker dothe owe me ffourtie shillinge Also Jhonn Dowsonn hath a cowe of myne in his custodye Also I hartelye praie and desire and by this my ꝑsent testament I make my lovinge ffrendes my welbeloved in Christe Richarde

[1] St. Philip and St. James' day, 1st of May.

Wroe and Jhon Craptre my executors and I desire my lovinge frendes Henrye Chetham and Wiłłm Crabtree to be ovseers willinge them to see this my psent testemente in all thinges pformedd In wytnes wherof I have to this my said last will put my hand and seall the xx^th^ day of ffebruarye in the xx^th^ yeare of the reigne of o^r^ most gracious sovaigne Ladye Elizabeth &c. And in the psence of us Wiłłm Ravalde Ric̃ Worslaie Robert Dunkerlay Jhonne Sclater Robte Stengerr Robte Wiłłm Ravalde of Prestwich.

Signūm Robert Ravalde
+ Senioris.

THE WILL OF THOMAS BAXTER, RECTOR OF ST. PETERS, CHESTER.[1]

. . . . . the iiij^th^ day of June in the yere of o^r^ Lord God a thousand fyve hundreth and sixe and throtty That I Syr Thomas Baxt psson of the churche of Seynt Peturs in West Chest^r^ seke in body and holle in mynde make my last will and testament on this forme folowyng ffyrst I bequethe my saule unto Almyghty God and to o^r^ lady Seynt Mare and to all the seyntys in hevyn and my body to be beryet in the same churche of Seynt Peter in the schaunsell afore the high ault^r^ I gyff and bequethe unto the same churche of Seynt Peters towarde the byldyng of ye uvilys [*sic*] x^li^ I gyff &c. unto the howse of Seynt Ursula vj^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^ I gyff &c. unto ioche on of the almys men and wemē in the howse of the forsaid Seynt Ursula evy on of theym xvj^d^ I gyff &c. unto evy on . . . . . there howsys iij^s^ iiij^d^ I gyff &c. unto Seynt Anne chapell in Seynt Johis my best suete of clothis I gyff &c. unto the

[1] No date of probate. He was instituted to the rectory of St. Peter's, Chester, 8 August 1511. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 261.

chapell of Seynt Ursula my other suete of clothis [and] a hangyng of sylke for the aulꝯ I gyff &c. unto the aforesaid Seynt Ursula chapell . . . . . ng of groyte and redde chamlett I gyff &c. unto my lady Smythe[1] Mayerys my grettyst coufer Unto Maystrys Daveson my secunde coufer I gyff &c. unto my kyndeswom . . . . . rese dwellyng in Oswalstrete my iij^{d} coufer I gyff &c. unto Roger Glov̄ and his wyff . . . . . nter Unto Thom̄s Byrkynhedde my rounde table of spruce I gyff &c. unto Anne Dymmok my lytell spruce coufer a payre of schetys of ij bredys and an halfe I gyff &c. unto Laurens Smythe my frokke of blake chamlett Unto Andrew Smythe my jakett w^{t} slevys of tawne chamlett Unto Thom̄s Smythe sonne of Sir Thom̄s Smythe knyght a dowblett of blake chamlett I gyff &c. . . . . forsaid Thom̄s Smythe a saye jakett furret w^{t} groyte lambe Unto George Smy . . . . . t of unwatteryt chamlett a saye jaket lynyt . . . . . cypurrys Unto Edwarde Smythe and Irean Smythe ather of theym iij^{s} iiij^{d} . . . . . o bye theym a cote Unto M^{9}garete Glov̄ ij gwylkys I gyff &c. unto Elyn Smythe dought^{r} to Sr Thom̄s Smythe knyght a flokke bedde and a paire of schetys of ij bredys [and] vj^{s} viij^{d} towarde a gowne I gyff &c. unto Ursula Smythe a fether bedde a bouster ij blankette and a paire of schetys of ij bredys and an half [and] a velvett tepett I gyff &c. unto Thom̄s Smythe the redde . . . . . velvet bagge brothurryt above w^{t} golde I gyff &c. unto the stepull of Seynt Johis vj^{s} viij^{d} Unto the reparatōns of Seynt Brydys churche vj^{s} viij^{d} I gyff &c. unto . . . . . an Thomas and Jamys ev̄y on of theym vj^{s} viij^{d} I gyff &c. unto a sonne of the forsaid dame . . . . . .

[1] Sir Thomas Smith of Hough Knt., Mayor of Chester in 1535-6 (died 1 July 1538) married Katherine, daughter of Sir Andrew Brereton of Brereton Knt., and had issue six sons, Lawrence Smith of Hough, his son and heir, knighted at Leith in 1544; Andrew, Thomas, George, Edward and Urian, and three daughters, Ursula, wife of Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton, Knt.; Bridget, wife of Robert, son and heir of Thomas Fulleshurst, of Crewe; and Ellen, not named in the pedigree. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 260.

ij grete half portuys and iij other bokys Unto evy on of Sr Thoms Smythe svaunte unto all suche that byn svaunte in his howse wtin the cytie xijd a pece Unto Sr John Hale pst a gowne that ys dowbull lynyt I gyff &c. unto Sr Petur Blake a gowne unlynyt fased a fore wt worsted Unto Sr Willm Stryngfelow a gowne lynyt wt calubur Unto Sr Jamys Rychardson pst of Seynt Ursula chapell a gowne lynyt wt foxe I gyff &c. unto Thoms the clerke of Seynt Peturs in Chestr a schorte gowne I gyff &c. . . . . grete Glov xxs Unto Mr David Myddylton a grete welvet bagge Unto Sr Thoms Pynchware my best cappe Unto Sr Willm Horsemā my . . . . . cappe Unto Thoms Byrkynhedde a paire of schetys of ij brede I gyff &c. unto the cōvent of the monestr of Chestr a cremysyn gowne wt a hudde to the same Unto evy on of Mr Daveson svaunte suche as byn in his howse wtin the cytie xijd I gyff &c. unto David Jeansonne my best surplys Unto John Gosset svaunt to Richard Lymme vjs viijd Unto Elesabeth Moñtferde iijs iiijd Unto Elesabeth Fleecher and Elyn Arasmythe of the howse of Seynt Ursula ather of theym viijs I gyff &c. unto Ursula Smythe a covyng of denbeygh worke. Unto Elyn Smythe doughtr to Sr Thoms Smythe a covlett Unto Mgarete Glov iij qwyschyns I gyff &c. unto the forsaid Elyn Smythe iij qwyschyns Unto Jenet Apprese of Oswold strete a mātell Unto Ursula Smythe a testor that hengythe ov my bedde I gyff &c. unto Mr Archedecon for my mortuary a stondyng cuppe of silv dowbull gylt Itm for the pbation of my testamēt xs I gyff &c. unto Kateryn Pkyn and . . . . . on Hale ather of them xijd Unto Thoms Mylñ xijd I gyff &c. . . . . dame Mgarete Chaladye iijs iiijd Unto Thoms Byrkynhedde a staffe wt a sworde Unto Sir Thoms Warmecham a damaske jaket I gyff &c. . . . . Goubrun soñe unto Thoms Goubrun vs I gyff &c. Jone Goubrun doughtr unto . . . . . e Thoms Goubrun xijd Unto Alys Yonge a pair of schetys of ij brede Unto Jane Low doughtr unto Ric̃ Low xijd Unto John ap Thoms ap Prese of

Oswald strete a pollaxe I gyff &c. unto Sr John Hale my cupburde half my peutr half my glassis and oů by hondsee dysch I gyff &c. unto Rauff Godemā the other half of my peutr and the other half of my glassis and oů by hondsee dystche I will that my best gownys and ij covyngis be solde to the uttrmuste and to be devydyd to pore ffoukis I will that [there] shall be spendyt upon my beryall in brede and ale iiijli and to the clergie iiij mlks I will that all thos landę and tenemētę wtin the citie of Chestr which weř my ffathurs whose soule God ꝑdon . . . . . goo and be hadd to suche use and will as apperith by the testamēt of my said ffathl In wittenes . . . . . his my last will I make Sr John Hale and Rauff Godemā myne executurs and Sr Thoms Smythe knyght . . . . . Daveson aldrmā myne overseers these ꝑsons beyng ꝑsent and beryng whittenes Thoms Byrkynhedde Jamys Richson chaplen John Throppe Thoms Mays Roger Glov and others I wyll forthr . . . . . ꝑsent will that the resedue of my godę ov the charges above wrytyn iff they wilbe . . . . . put to the use and fyndyng of an almes mā in Seynt Ursula howse in Chestr for ev to . . . . . of the said Sr Thoms Baxt his ffathr and mothl soules and all crystyn soules

Ꝑ me Thomā Baxt Rectorē ecclie Scī Petr Cestrē.

THE WILL OF ROGER LEIGH, RECTOR OF LYMME.[1]

IN the name of God Amen The xviij day of June in the yere of or lorde God a thowsande fyve hundred ffyftie [one] and

[1] Roger Leigh, Rector of Lymme, was the fifth son of Thomas Leigh of West Hall in High Legh Esq. by Dowse daughter of Sir William Booth of Dunham Massey Knt. His half sister Jane was the wife of Thomas Sankey of Little Sankey co. Lancaster gent. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 353.

in the ffyeft yere of the reigne of o^r^ most dredde sovereigne lorde Edwarde the syxt by the grace &c. I Rog Leghe pson of the halfe churche of Lymme within the countie of Chest of gud and pfyte remembrance consideryng that deathe is certen and the tyme and ..... unc̃ten make my testament &c. I comende my saule unto God the ffather allmyghtie and my bodye to be buried in the grounde w[ithin] the chauncell of Lymme in sure and certen hoepe of resurreccōn to eternall lyffe throughe o^r^ lorde Jh .... Chryst I bequeythe to Alys Leghe dought of Jankyn Leghe decessed ffourtie shyllynges a fether bed ij covlettes a matres a payre of sheetes iij potenchers ij chargs and one of the best chaundellers To Anne Leghe fourtie shyllynges a matres a payre of sheetes ij covlettes iij potenchers ij chargers and one of the least chaundellers To Rog Gandye son of Wyllm Gandye a cowe To Jane Gandie a cowe To Ryc̃ Leghe the son of Jankyn Leghe twentie shyllynges a matres a payre of sheetes ij covlettes a bolster a doublet a payre of hoese and a jerkyn I gyf &c. Thōs Gandye and to Wyllm Gandie hys brother eyther of them a weynyng calfe To Rauffe Merie xiij^s^ iiij^d^ and my jaket of ffryseadoe To Anne Wylleshaghe xiij^s^ iiij^d^ To Quince Leghe a matres a payre of sheetes of fflaxen ij covlettes iij chargs ij potenchers and one of the least chandellers To Ric̃ Leghe the son of Marten Leghe vj^s^ viij^d^ To Rog hys brother vj^s^ viij^d^ To Johan the dought of Thōs ffernehed v^s^ To Rog the son of Rauffe Wyll^a^mson xij^d^ To Rog the son of Rycharde Wyll^a^mson xij^d^ To Rog the son of George Leghe xij^d^ To Rog the son of Vane ffernehed viij^d^ To evy other god chylde that I have within the pareshe of Lymme iiij^d^ To Elyn Peycocke and Elyn Bradshaghe xij^d^ To Mawde Reisse iiij^d^ To Rycharde Bradburne iiij^d^ To Robert Boethe euther a jaket or iij^s^ iiij^d^ To Isaebell Addeshed viij^d^ To Margaret Allen iiij^d^ To the wyffe of John Bradshaghe iiij^d^ To Hamnet Huet iiij^d^ To Jankyn Rowlandson vj^d^ To Rauffe Wyll^a^mson a payre of hoese To Elsabethe Gandye my best panne

during all hyr lyffe and aft hyr deceasse to Johan hyr doughr And also to the seid Elsabeth Gandie a ffetherbedde ij covlettes iij pothenchers ij chargs and one of the best chaundellers To Syr John ffernehed[1] my gowne To Wyllm Gandie my wolstedde clocke To Thos ffernehed my clocke of habynton . . . . . to Margaret hys wyffe a covlet the best potte one except and ij potenchers To Thos Sonkye my god son my best potte To thre doughrs of Thos Sonkye my brother in lawe . . . . . them vj^{s} viij^{d} To Johan Leghe doughr of Hānet Leghe ij^{s} To Hānet Leghe my best jaket . . . . o the late wyffe of Marten Leghe decessed a bushell of barlie and an other of oetes I gyf &c. . . . . les Meir doughr of Wyllm Meir esquier x^{s} To the seid Wyllm Meer xx^{tis} and the bedde . . . . . hengyng wherin I lye To Hamnet Leghe xx^{tis} To Syr John ffernehed xx^{tis} I gyf &c. to Rycharde Leghe of Heleghe [High Legh] esquier vj of my best sylv spoenes To Thos Sonkye my brother [in law] and to my syst Johan hys wyffe my sylv salt for the terme of theire lyffes and aft theire deceasse . . . . . onkye theire son to remeyne at the howse of Sonkye for an heyre loome fforthermore it is my wyll that if the seides Ric̃ Leghe Thos Sonkye the eld or outher of them or any other . . . . . sones to whom I have gyffen or bequeythed any legacie doe in any wyse sue or trowble my executours or demande any others my goedes or catalles bot suche herin . . . . . ave gyffon and bequeythed to them that then they shall have noe part ñ porc̃on of my goo[ds] bot shalbe utly excludet from the sames I wyll that aft y^{t} my bodie shalbe broght to christen bureall . . . . . ses ordynarie costes legacies debtes and all other lawful expenses fully done and discharged . . . . . en all the residewe of my goodes if there shall any remeygne shalbe disposed amonges the pore folkes [of the] pareshe of Lymme by the discrec̃on of my execu-

[1] 20th August, 1565, Richard Tailior was presented to a mediety of the Rectory of Lymme, vacant by the death of John Fernhead, by Richard Leigh of High Leigh Esq. From the registry, Chester.

tours ꝑvidet always that if my executours shalbe vexed troubled or sued for any maꝯ or thyng or if my goedes wyll not extende to the performance of all the ꝑmyss then my wyll is that my executours shall rate and dymynysshe all my leg[acies] afꝯ suche maꝯ as my executours may be saved harmeles and as my goedes wyll extende.

[The rest illegible.]

THE WILL OF HENRY STARKIE OF AUGHTON, GENT.[1]

IN the name &c. the xxv^th^ day of Januarie in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand fyve hundreth neentie and three I Henrie Starkie of Aughton within the Counꝯ of Lanc̃ genꝯ sicke in bodie but whole of mynd and of ꝑfect memorie laud and praise bee unto God therarfore doe make ordeyne and declare this my last will &c. first of all and principallie I bequeth my soule unto Almightie God trustinge onely to bee saved by the meritte death and passion of the Immaculate Lambe Jesus Christ my only Saviour and Redeemer And my will ys to bee buried within the church at Aughton in that place whear myne ancetors have beene buried theare Secondarilie that all my debte legacies and funerall expence shalbe dischardged by myne executors upon my whole goode I give unto Lawrence Lawes the sonne of Robte Lawes who I have brought upp tenne pounde to bee payed unto him w^th^in one half year next after my decease And I desire my sonn and heir John S. to have and keepe both the saide Lawrence and his tenne pounde untill hee shalbe of

[1] Proved February 2nd, 1593 [1593-4]. Henry son of John Starkey of Aughton gent. descended from Starkey of Stretton co. Cest. married Isabel daughter of Edward Radclyffe of Todmorden Esq. The family entered a pedigree of six descents at the Visitation in 1664-5.

yeares of discreco̅n that by law hee may have the same unlesse in the meane tyme the said x^li bee putt forth by the said John for the commoditie of the said Lawrence I geve &c. unto Lawrence S. my sonn three pounde seexe shillinge eight pence to bee payed unto him within one quarter of a year next after my decease And hee to have noe more by reasonn I have made and geven unto him foure marke in rente yearlie duringe his lyfe Unto Ellen S. my sister tenne shillinge Unto John S. my sonn twoo longe boorde and formes in the hall Item I geve more unto him one skrine in the hall And yt is my will that the said borde formes and skrine shall hearafter remayne as heireloomes unto the heires of this house All the rest of my goode debte reckninge and demande I geve &c. unto my three doughters that is Ellen Ellner and Margrett S. and eich of them to have alike pte thearof I crave and most humblie desyre the right woorshipfull Sr Richard Molnex knight to bee supervisor of this my last will &c. Lastly I doe make &c. executors my beloved felowe and verie frend John Lathom of Derbye and John Starkie of Aughton my sonn &c. Witnes James Hartley clerke John Starkye Ellen Starkie.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM MASSEY OF DENFIELD, GENT.[1]

IN the name &c. the xvj^th daie of September anno regni dn̄æ Elizabethæ reginæ &c. xxxiij I William Massie of Denfield in

[1] Proved November 3rd, 1591. William son and heir of Hugh Massey of Audlem and Denfield gent. by Jane daughter of Thomas Smith of Hough Esq. married Jane daughter of Richard Prestland and had issue Hugh Massey his son and heir. The other children mentioned in the text are omitted in Ormerod's pedigree of the family. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 247.

the countie of Chester gentlemā beinge sicke in bodie but of good and pfect memorye (God be praysed therefore) do ordaine &c. ffirst I give and bequeath my soule unto Almightie God my creator trustinge to be saved by the ꝑcious blood shedinge of his sonn Christ and my bodie to christian buriall I give &c. to Hugh Massy my sonn and heyer all waynscott bordes formes cheares stooles quishens standing and being in the hall and pler and all glasse in and about my howse and also all my waynes carte plowes harrowes and all other husbandry wares and also one yoke of my best oxen and the best bedd in my howse wth the furniture thereof It is my will that Jane Massie my wyff shall have the one half of the rest of my goode and chattells in discharge of her porc̃one to her belonginge according to the custome of the cuntrey I give &c. unto Wiłłm M. Richard M. Geffray M. Thomas M. Edward M. and Ann M. my childrē to ev̄y of thē twelve pence in full discharge of their childe pte of my goode All the rest of my goode cattalls &c. (my debte funeralls and legasyes first discharged) I give to the said Hugh M. my sonne and heyer I do give &c. all my manors mesuage lande tenem^t^e &c. in Denfield Aldlen and Wrenbury in the countie of Chester or els where in the realm of England to the saide Hugh M. his heirs and assignes for ever upon condic̃o notw^th^standinge that the said Hugh M. his heyers or assignes shall upō the [day] of mariage of the said Ann Massy my doughter (yf the said Ann do mary by and wth the consent of the said Hugh M.) pay to the said Ann M. one [hun]dred poundes And that the said Hugh M. or his heyers shall w^th^in the space of on whole year next after my decease pay to the said Geffray M. my sonn tenn pounde and unto the said Thomas M. my sonn thirtie pounde And unto the said Edward M. my sonn thirty pounde w^th^in the space of two years next after my decease at on whole paym^t^ and w^th^out anie fraud or covine And yf it happen the said Hugh M. or his heyers or assignes to make default of paym^t^ of all or anie of the somes of money appoynted to be payd &c. [power

of entry into the said lands is here given] It is my will that yf it happē the same Wiłłm Geffray Thoms and Edward M. or anie of thē to fall into necessity or sicknes not having wherwth to relieve or menteyne themselves that then such of them so being in necessity shalbe relyved and mantayned wth dyat apparell and other necessaryes by the said Hugh M. or his heyers I geve unto everie servaunt that is wth me at the hower of death wch hath served me two yeares one halfe years wages Unto Richard M. my sonne the bull calffe I geve my daughter Anne M. the chest that standeth over the parlor Unto the poore of the towne ten shillinge to be distributed accordinge unto M^{r} vicare his discretion I geve Wiłłm Cooke my marble hose Unto Hugh Hunt my browne jerkyne and browne hose Unto Alyce Worrall my blacke cloake wch is lyned in the coller wth the same Unto Thomas Hunt v^{s} Unto Hugh Dychfeld v^{s} And of this my last will I ordeyne &c. executors my said wyffe Jane M and my sonne Hugh M. and my brother in law Wiłłm Prestlande overseer to pforme &c. Sealled and delivered in &c. Alexander Holme John Chadocke Wiłłm Cooke + wth others

William Massie.

THE WILL OF DOROTHY WIDOW OF JOHN BOOTH OF BARTON ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. the vij daye of August in ye yere of o^{r} Lord God a thousand fyve hundreth fiftie and thre I Dorithie Bothe

[1] No date of probate. Dorothy daughter of Sir Thomas Butler of Bewsey Knt. was the second wife of John Booth of Barton Esq. (see his will *Wills and Inventories*, portion i. p. 14) and had issue Dorothy wife of James Scarisbrick of Scarisbrick Esq. and John Booth her son and heir, who, by Anne daughter of Sir Richard Brereton of Worsley Knt. had an only son John Booth of Barton Esq. He married at Mid-

widowe late wife of John Bothe of Barton apon Irwill in ye coūtie of Lancast esquire deceassed beyng in pfect mynd &c. first and p^r^ncipally I comend my soule unto ye hand of Allmyghtie God my creature [*sic*] and maker and of our ladie Saynt Marie and of all ye holie company of heaven and I will y^t^ my bodie shalbe buried in ye pishe church of Eccles w^th^in or as neare unto ye grave or place where the bodie of my son John Bothe latly deceassed lieth buried as cōveyenly may be and as touching ye exposion of all and singuler my movable good cattels and dett it is my will and mynd y^t^ Robart Both my lovyng nephe and my right trustie and feythfull frend Lawrenc Asshawe gentillman shall have all my sayd good cattells and debt y^t^ the shall cōverte use and employ ye same for ye charging of my funerall expensis and likewisse for satisfaccion of my debt and legacies hereaft specified and expressed and oth^r^wise of the pformacōn of this my testamēt and last will and first I bequeth to my sist Bothe of Dūh^m^m[2] xj sil spones To my cosen Robart Both a younge mare y^t^ was off my mare y^t^ died To Lawrence Asshawe a bed of downe w^t^ bolst and pillowes and all thing to ye bed belonging To Jane Bradshawe xl^s^ To Sr Hughe Cowhope xl^s^ To Thom^m^s Mathew xxvj^s^ viij^d^ To Henri Lingard xx^s^ To Thom^m^s Reyne xiij^s^ iiij^d^ To Thom^m^s Chāberleyne xxvj^s^ viij^d^ I will y^t^ my smock and kerchifes shalbe devidid among my servūnt women as shall heppen to dwell w^t^ me at ye tyme of my deceasse I will y^t^ Sr Hughe Cowpe and Jane Bradshaw shall eth of them have a blake

dleton 22nd November, 1547, Anne daughter of Sir Richard Assheton of Middleton Knt. who died without issue, and secondly Ellen daughter of Sir Peter Legh of Lyme by whom he had four daughters and coheiresses, Margaret aged fifteen 18 Eliz. (the date of her father's post mortem inquisition) married Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford Knt.; Anne aged thirteen married George Legh of High Legh Esq.; Dorothy aged twelve (buried at Eccles 9 January, 1624-5) married first John Molyneux brother of Sir Richard Molyneux of Sefton Knt. and secondly Edward younger son of William Dukenfield of Dukenfield Esq.; and Katherine aged eleven 18 Eliz. who died unmarried.

[2] Elizabeth sister of the testatrix married George Booth of Dunham Massey Esq.

gowne and Thom^as Mathew Henrie Lingard Thom^as Rene and Thom^as Chāberleyn shall ev^r of them have a blake cotte agaynst my buriall and wheras by ^ctene indentures made betwen me ye sayd Dorithie one ye one ^pte and James Scarsbreke[1] my son in law one oth^r ^ptie the sayd James hathe agreed and granted to paye yerely to me ye sayd Dorithie or to such ^pson as by me shalbe named and appoynted to have ye exhibicion and fynding of Dorithie my dought^r wife to ye sayd James ten pound^e of lawfull money yerely at ye feast^e of Pentecoste and Saynt M^rtyn ye busshoppe in wint^r or w^tin fortie dayes next aft^r ev^ry of ye sayd feastes yerely by even porcions as by ye same endentures whereoff ye date is ye xxvj daye of Aprill in ye firste yere of ye reygne of o^r late sov^raygne lord kynge Edward ye sixte more at large may appere it is my will and mynd y^t my sayd dought^r Dorithie shalbe at ye gov^rnance rule order &c. of my sayd sist^r Bothe of Dūh^am my lovyng cosins Thom^as Boteler esquer Robart Tatton esquire and Ric̄ Sutton esquire and of the survyvor of them and I will y^t if it shall happen y^t my sayd son Scaresbreke shall not make peymēt yerely of such somes of money as by ye same indentures &c. but shall fayle in peymēt y^rof and shall happen also y^t any expensis shalbe made in sute at ye law or oth^rwise by my execut^re for ye recov^r y^rof that then all such cost^e &c. shalbe sustened by my sayd lovyng cosins Rob̄t Bothe and my sayd frend Lawrence Asshawe of my whole good^e &c. It is my will that all ye residue of my sayd good^e and cattels wch shall happen to remene ov^r my funerall dett^e and legacies payed shalbe wholly ymployed by my execut^re for ye helpe and releafe of Alis Bothe dought^r [of] my sayd late husband John Bothe and of Ric̄ Bothe and Marie Bothe bast^r children of my sayd [husband] John Bothe deceased in such wise as by my sayd execut^re shalbe thought most mete and convenient It is my will y^t my sayd execut^re shall not be bunden to deliv^r to ye sayd Alis Bothe Ric̄ Bothe and Marie Bothe or to any of the̅ any

[1] See *Wills and Inventories*, portion i. p. 183.

pte or pcell of my goodꝭ untill ye terme of ten yeres next ensuyng my deceasse shalbe fully past duryng all which terme my executrꝭ shall kepe ye residue of my sayd goodꝭ in yꝰ handꝭ for defence of all such sutes as shall happen towching ye exhibicion of my sayd doughꝰ Dorithie I will yt if it shall happen yt ye sayd Alis Bothe Ric̃ Bothe or Marie Bothe or any of them do die duryng ye sayd terme of ten yeres yt then such goodꝭ &c. shall wholy remene to ye survivor and if it shall happen that [they] do all die before &c. yt then all such of my goodꝭ &c. shall then be holly imployed and spent and bestoed for ye wealth of my soule ye soules of my sayd late husband and of my sayd son John Bothe in such wise as to my sayd executrꝭ shalbe thought most convenient And to ye intent yt those debtꝭ wch at ye pn̄t I do owe and ame indetted may pfectlie appere I have caused ye same hereundꝰ pticuler mencioned and expressed and of thꝭ my pn̄t testamēt and last will I ordene &c. my sayd lovyng nephe Robt Bothe and my sayd trustie frend Lawrence Asshawe my true and lawfull executrꝭ and I make my lovyng cosins Sr John Atherton knight and Thom̃s Botteler esquire my frend John Grymsdich gent supvisors to see &c. and I bequeth to my sayd cosin Athꝰton a riall of gold and to my sayd cosin Botteler on̄ riall of gold and unto the sayd John Grymsdiche xxs In witnes wheroff I ye sayd Dorithie Bothe have sett my seale to thes pntꝭ ye daye and yere aforesayd the psons hereaftꝰ named beyng witnes yꝰof yt is to saye Thom̃s Craven vicar of Eccles George Lathom Rogꝰ Okell pst Edward Smyth curate de Flixton Otꝭ Holland Roger Hey Peris Bradshawe.

THE WILL OF DAME ANNE, WIDOW OF SIR THOMAS LANGTON KNT., DECEASED.[1]

THE last will and testament of Dame Anne Langton wydowe late wyffe of Sir Thomas Langton Knyght decessed made the xxiij of Apryll anno R. R^ne^ Elizabeth &c. decimo quarto and putt the same daye in wrytynge in artycles as foloweth. ffyrst she ffrelye geveth her soule to Almyghtie God her maker and redem^r^ in whose ffaith she beleveth &c. Itm she constytuteth and ordeyneth her trustie and welbeloved cousyns John Talbot and Will ffarryngton Esquyers and Alexander Ryshton gent her lawfull executours for the true execucon of her will &c. Itm she geveth to her said cousyn Mr Talbot one of her geldinges beinge the best she now hath savinge one And she geveth her best geldinge to her said cousyn Mr Willm ffarryngton Itm she geveth to her said cousyn Alexander Ryshton her crucyfyx of gold wch she was accustomed to weare about her necke Itm she geveth to Anne Ryshton her cousyn xx^s^ Itm to Jenett Moreton xl^s^ Itm to Elizabeth Ryshton doughter to the said Alexander xl^s^ Itm to Guy one of her yomen vj^s^ viij^d^ Itm to Richarde Ryshton son of the said Alexand^r^ five of her kyen.

Thies byn the debts w^h^ the said Anne Langton doth owe to thies psons under wryten — ffirst to the said John Talbot Esquyer vj^li^ Itm to Mr Rawstorne xx^s^ Itm to Laurence Stanworth ix^li^ viij^s^ Itm to Elizabeth Ryshton syster to the said Alex^r^ xvj^li^ Itm to Richard Aynesworthe for shepe xxvj^s^ viij^d^ Itm to John Chorley iij^li^ iiij^s^ vij^d^ Itm to her doughter Katheryn Langton xx^li^ Itm to Anne Ryshton xx^s^ Itm to all her s'vaunts as well men as women all suche wayges as are due unto them as maye ffall oute upon a

[1] Proved June 1573. Vide *Notes* to the will of Sir Thomas Langton, *Chetham Society's Publications*, vol. li. pp. 248 and 250. The legacies in money amount to 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; the debts to 62*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.*; the inventory to 241*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*

reckonynge betwene them and her said executours to whose good dyscrecõns she commytteth all her trust to se and use things usuell for her fun'all and legases as also for the dyschargynge of her debts and for the residue of her goods her debts legases and other expencs dyscharged to be used as to their wysdomes shall seme mete Moreov^r she ys in debt to Richard Sudell xx^s Itm to the chylderen of James Bradshawe for a cowe xl^s Itm to Edmond Bradshawe for ap^rell of his chylde pte of goods xxxv^s viij^d Thies articles were wryten and aft'warde redde and declared to the said Anne Langton in her good memorye and allowed by her for her last will the daye and yere above wryten in the presence of

Willm Streitberell	Richarde Aynesworth
George Aynesworth	Roger Nouell gent.
John Chorley	John Crane.

Thys inventorye indented taken and made the xxi daye of Maye in the ffyftienth yere of the reigne of our Sov'aigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of God quene of England ffraunce and Irelande defender of the ffaithe &c. of the goodes and cattalles latelye appteynynge to the right worshipfull Dame Anne Langton wydowe deceaced vewed valewede and praysed by John Tunstall Thomas Lytherlande John Mather and Richarde Baxster the yonger 1573.

ffyrste ffour standinge beddes xxxiij^s iiij^d — seven paire of bedstockes and one tryndell bedde x^s viij^d — ffour ffetherbeddes iiij^li — one matteras v^s — nene bolsters xxxiij^s iiij^d — ffour pyllowes viij^s — xij coverlettes lv^s — seven blankents xxxiiij^s — one happynge and one mantell xxxij^s — thre coverynges for beddes of howsewyffes makynge xx^s — ffoure paire of fflaxen shetes xxvj^s viij^d ffyftene pair and one odde shete of camvas clothe ij^li x^s — in appell as gownes kyrtells pettycootes ffrenche hoodes hattes and other appell as smockes carcheffes pteletts and other lynnen x^li — thre longe towells of fflaxen and twoo hande towells of camvas iij^s vj^d —

viij pyllowe beres of fflaxen viij^{s} — xxxvj table napkyns xiij^{s} — ffoure table clothes of fflaxen xij^{s} — nene table clothes of camvas ix^{s} — thre cupborde clothes ij^{s} vj^{d} — ffour underclothes whereof twoo ys of twyll and twoo of camvas iij^{s} iiijd — twoo twyll wyndow-clothes v^{s} — nene sackes of twyll xij^{s} — one heare clothe to drye malte and shillynge wch called a hayre xxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — ffyve chares and eight buffett stooles vij^{s} iiij^{d} — twoo sware cupbordes vj^{s} viij^{d} — a lyttell drynkynge table ij^{s} vj^{d} — twoo great cheistes and one lyttell cheist ix^{s} — one table upon a frame twoo lyttell fformes for the same twoo longe tables or syddebordes in the hall wth ffoure fformes accordingelye xx^{s} — ffouretene barrells lesse and more xxviij^{s} — one great saltynge table for the larder and two kneade Erhens v^{s} iiij^{d} — twoo kymlens[1] ij^{s} — twoo hoggesheades ij^{s} viij^{d} — twoo barrells ij^{s} — seven saltynge tubbes for the deyrye v^{s} — elleven woodden bassens iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one cherre and an irenynge vessell ij^{s} — two syghes ij^{d} — sex eshens[2] or skeles thre collockes or pales and three pyggyns iiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one mashtowinbe two gelkers and two lyttell turnells xiiij^{s} — one great cheist in the myll iiij^{s} vj^{d} — eight candelstyckes of copper viij^{s} — thre brasse pottes lesse and more xxiiij^{s} — one possenett iiij^{s} — ffyve pannes and twoo prygges or lyttell pannes lvj^{s} viij^{d} — twoo brasse laddles xx^{d} — one chaffynge dyshe xx^{d} — twoo mynsynge knyves twoo chop-pynge knyves and two other knyves for the kytchen ij^{s} — one dryppynge panne and one ffryinge panne ij^{s} viij^{d} — ffyve broches or spyttes great and small viij^{s} — twoo gawbeirens twoo brande-reths and twoo rackentethes of iren xij^{s} — two payre of pollackes and two gyrdirens xx^{d} — ffour pair of tonges and a fyer shovle ij^{s} iiij^{d} — one iren for rostynge of aples xij^{d} — one bolster teame of

[1] Kemlin, any kind of tub for household purposes; a brewer's vessel, or powdering tub. — Nares' *Gloss.*

[2] Eshin, a Cheshire word for a wooden milk pail. Skele has the same meaning in East Yorkshire.

iren and ffyve sydroopes of iren xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — ffyve spades wth irens sex forkes shodde wth iren one mattocke one cuttinge axe and thre hatchetts and a fleshe axe vij^{s} vj^{d} — thre chawyers thre iren wedges one chysell one payre of pynsones one hammer one spokeshave and other peces of iren stuffe ij^{s} iiij^{d} — one muckecrooke and thre wymble bitts v^{d} — twoo turffespades wth irens xviij^{d} — twoo dryvells of iren vj^{d} — twoo crowes or gables of iren one ryndell one myll spyndell xij pyckes a great hammer of iren xvj^{s} — one cresset viij^{d} — four dosen of pewter dyshes more and lesse and vj dyshes one dosen of sawsers sex trenchers plates and sex pottengers iij^{li} — one brewynge leade xl^{s} — one other lyttell leade xiiij^{d} — twoo dosen of tynne spoones ij^{s} — twoo saltes of tynne xvj^{d} — one basen and an ewer iij voyders and twoo plates of tynne xvj^{s} viij^{d} — thre wayneroopes one great roope for the horsynge of a tree iiij^{s} viij^{d} — twoo horse collers of hempe iiij^{d} — one paire of shorte trases iij^{d} — thre horse collers covered wth blacke lether xv^{d} —twoo payre of tyghtes or trases for horses to drawe wth and twoo pair of horse geare for horses wth withes of iren xvj^{d} — one cable rope for the myll iiij^{s} — six whelebarrowes iij^{s} — twoo ganges of ffelles of ashe tymber for wheles vj^{s} — ashe tymber ordigned for axeltres ij^{s} viij^{d} — sawen bordes xij^{s} — certen sawen peces of woodde for standinge beddes or joyned beddes viij^{s} — waynes xxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — ffour myll tryndells iiij^{s} — twoo paire of wayne wheles wth axeltres xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — saplynge tymber ꝑvydet for spokes of wheles vj^{s} viij^{d} — in cowper tymber x^{s} — plowes and harrowes wth pynnes ix^{s} — ten peces of swared ashe woodde for pytcheforkes x^{d} — ox yokes wthout irens ij^{s} vj^{d} — ox yokes wth irens v^{s} iiij^{d} — ox bowes new and olde xvj^{d} — thre myll peces xij^{d} — one paire of myll stones xl^{s} — one vessell or measure called a halfe wyndell vj^{d} — one measure called a wyndell xij^{d} — in beeffes and bacon v^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — in oote meale grotes xxiiij^{s} — in plate viij sylver spoones lvj^{s} — eight drynkynge glasses iij^{s} iiij^{d} — twoo drynkynge pottes of earth covered wth

tynne — xv other drynkynge pottes of earth lesse and more ij^{s} viij^{d} — one pottell bottell of tynne ij^{s} — twoo woodden bottells and ffour great cannes ij^{s} iiij^{d} — thre lether jackes xij^{d} — thre woodden drynkynge cannes and thre pygges ix^{d} — one breade cheist sholves butterye bordes and a brandereth whereupon the barrell laye v^{s} — butterye knyves xvj^{d} — one case of lyttell trenchers iiij^{d} — sex other rounde trenchers ij^{d} — thre standes — sholves in the kytchen larder howse the deyrye and in the newe chamber vij^{s} — xvj earth pottes and mogges ij^{s} viij^{d} — eight sett quyssyons new and olde xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — in pullen as cappons hennes chekennes duckes and other pullen xij^{s} viij^{d} — in hogges sowes brawnes and other yonger swyne and pygges vij^{li} — ten draught oxen xxvj^{li} — ffyftene kyen xxiij^{li} — one bull xxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one thrynter heffer xxx^{s} — foure twynters iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — twelve styrkes viij^{li} — nine suckynge calves xl^{s} — lxj shepe xj^{li} — xx lambes xxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — iiij horses or geldings viij^{li} — one meare and a colte xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — sex dysens or bundells of lyne unhatchelled and xx knokes of hatchelled lyne xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — xxxj bundelles of hempe xvj^{s} — thre hande baskettes xij^{d} — ffyve scuttelles and fyve twygge wyskettes xv^{d} — one lyttell brasen morter wth a pestell xij^{d} — twoo hatchells ij^{s} — one pewter basen and an ewer ffoure dosen of sware trenchers xx^{d} — in woodden dyshes and cuppes ix^{d} — fflaxen yorne camvas yorne and candell weake iij^{li} — one cheiste iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one corne arke in the garner xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — in uote[1] meale and malte xxv^{li} — in rye unthrowshen xij^{li} — in barlye throshen and unthroshen iiij^{li} — in uotes xlvj^{s} viij^{d} — in uots sowen upon the grownde xvj acres viij^{li} — in barlye sowen vij acres iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — in rye sowen xl^{s} — ffoure score ffoote of glasse liij^{s} iiij^{d} — ffyftene score lodes of blacke turves v^{li} — in ladders sleddes and swyne troughes x^{s}.

[1] The vernacular mode of pronunciation uotes, oats.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM GOODMAN OF CHESTER, ALDERMAN.[1]

The xix^th day of September anno Dñi 1554.

IN the name &c. I Wiłłm Goodman of the citie of Chest'r alderman do make my last will and testament in maṅ and fforme ffolowing ffirst and before all other thinge I commit me &c. Also I geve unto Margeret my wif the house which I dwell in with all th'apptennce sellers shoppes &c. during her naturall life I geve more unto Margaret my wif Richard Bunberies house John Teliors house Robart Drias house Randull Eatons house Thomas Pillyns Wiłłm Bronnshanke and Richard Brerwoode ..... with th'apptance Provided alwais that if the heire of the forsaid houses as Thomas Pillyns Bronnshanks and Brerewoods shuld come with the money and redeme the said lande that then I will that Margaret my wife shall have the said money Also more to Margaret my wife ffourty shillinge yerlie in the Melse with a house in Aynṅton I geve unto Ursulay my doughter and to the heires of her body lawfully begotten Robert Drias house Randull Eatons house Roger Radforde house and the fforsaid fforty shillinge in the Melse and a house in Neston of six shillinge viij^d by yere after the decease of her mother with a house in Aynṅton and a house in the Fleshmongers Lane of xvj^d by yere wherof she to have Roger Radford's house and the house in Neston immediatlye after my decease I geve to John my sonne this house wherin I dwell with all implements and comodities thereunto belonging after the decease of my wife More to the

[1] No date of probate. William Goodman, Mayor of Chester 1550, married Margaret, daughter of Sir William Brereton of Brereton Knight, Chief Justice and Lord High Marshall of Ireland, by his second wife Eleanor, daughter of Sir Ralph Brereton of Ipstones. She afterwards married William Mostyn. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 51: *Harl. MSS.* 1535, p. 354.

said John Richard Bunberies house John Teliors house Thomas Davyes house and Symcocks house and sixe and twentie shillinge eight pence out of Bressies house wiche I give unto John my sonne and to his heires for ev̄ And if in case Pyllins Bronnshanks and Brerewoode houses be not redemed out in Margaret my wiffes life that then I will that my son John shall have them I geve to the repacon of the cunduith twenty shillinge yerlie wich is a chiefe out of Richard Walleys house I geve unto my son in lawe Robert Calcot my lease and tytle of my house in Backforde in the county of Chester painge the yerlie rent to Margaret my wife wch is ffoure poundе by yere and ffoure pence cheefe I geve unto my sonne Paule ffortie markе wch Robart Walley owith me and twenty nobles more I will that he shall have in money of me I geve unto my sonne Christopher ffour poundе out of the pasture ffelde during the lease Unto my servannt John Frodsh̄m the eightene poundе wch his ffather doth owe me also twenty nobles in money Unto my servaunt John Jackson ffourtie shillinge Unto Sr Richard Lowther ffourty shillinge Unto my doughter Ursuley a hundreth markе besides her part To my servauntе John Cartwright and John Bryne sixe shillinge viijd a pece and to the two boys vjs viijd a pece and to Elenor Elisabeth and Grace Margare and Jane my servauntе eiche of them to have sixe shillinge viijd I have made a ffeoffament to John my sonne for Oldefylde and landе And if in case it stande wth the lawe and take effect I will that he have it and restore to Adam the citie landе all excepte this house wich I dwell in which I will that John shall have All other goodе unbequethed I will shalbe devided the one half to my wife and the other to my ffoure doughters I geve to John Telior his garden to him and to his heires for ev̄ and the rent that he is behinde and Richard Bunbery I forgeve him his rent that he is behinde Unto Sr Rauf our priest ten shillinge To my brother Rychard Brereton ffourtey shillinge To Margaret Skat . . . fyve shillings I will that my wife and my bro-

ther Richard Brereton Esquier and Thom̃s Grymesdiche and Wiłłm Beche [be] ffor my lawfull executors I geve to my sonne Adam my scarlet goune and my velvet cote To my sonne Robart Calcot my newe goune ffurred To my sonne Thomas Grymediche my garded goune ffurred To my sonne Wiłłm Beche my goune lyned wth damaske Also I will for want of Ursulaye and heires of her body that then the landes to remeyne to Adam and John and their heires I will that my son in law Robart Calcot shall have the governaunce and rule of my sonne John with all such the landę goodę cattallę and money wich that I have bequethed to him or otherwais shall come to him by vertue of any ffeoffament or other estate or estatę untill such tyme as he cometh unto the ffull age of one and twenty yeres putting in suerties for the true annswering of the same when he shalbe of the said age.

This my will made and delivd in presence of Wiłłm Aldersey Sr Richard Lowther Sr Rauf Houlbrocke curate of Saint Brydes John ffradsh̃m John Taylior and Elen Calcot gentilwoman and Mode Trener widow with dyverse others.

THE WILL OF JOHN GLOVER OF MANCHESTER.[1]

IN the name &c. the thirde daye of September Anno Dñi 1590 I John Glover of Manchester one of the singinge men of the Colledge of Manchester being sicke in bodie &c. doe make this my last will &c. And my bodie to be buried in the pishe Church of Manchester soe neare the place where my father and mother weare buried as may bee Also yt is my will that my executors hereafter

[1] Proved September 23rd, 1590. Buried at the Collegiate Church, Manchester, 6th September, 1590, "John Glover one of our singinge men."

named shall occupie and enioy these burgages cottages and gardens wch th'apptenance following now in the sevall occupacons of Isabel Darbishire widdowe Anne Vause widdowe Elline Chorlton widdowe Willm Platt Ric Huet Ric Hulme And also one barne of six bayes where in one cottage ys in the ende thereof now in the occupacon of Anne Galley And also one pcell of lande lienge uppon the backside of the saide barne And also one other close or pcell of lande lyinge in the end of the Deansgate uppon the southeast pte there of comonly called the litle medowe now in th'occupacon of me the sayd John G. And that yt shalbe lawfull for my saide executore to sowe mow or pasture the seid tooe closes and to take and receyve all the revenewes issues and pffitte of the said burgages cottages and lande untill they shall have levied and received of the same the full some of thirtene pounde six shillinge eght pence The wch some of xiijli vjs viijd yt is my will and I give &c. the same to my sister Anne G. And further yt is my will that my uncle James G. shall have the use . . . . . same some of twentie markes to and for the benefite of my saide sister Anne And that my said executors shall receave the yssues and pffitte of the said lande and howses untill my debte and legacies be payde and discharged And untill one suite towchinge one middinge steed where uppon one backside house did stande wch John Glover my late father deceassed gave to mee and my heires for ev by his last will and testament and now wrongfully by my brother William Glover deteyned be ended And after that the saide some of twentie marke bee levied my debtte and legacies be payde and discharged and the said suit ended then I give and assigne unto my brother Robt G. and his assignes the said burgages or cottages now in the occupacon of the saide Isabell Derbyshire widdowe Anne Vause widdowe duringe the remaynder of the yeares yt I have in the same Also I give unto the said Robte G. and his assines the seide close or pcell of lande in the ende of the Deansgate caled the litle medowe duringe all the yeares yet to expire

in the same I give unto my brother Edward G. and to his assignes the sayd barne of six baies and the sayd howse in ye end of the said barne wth the ꝑcell of land upon the backside of the said barne for and duringe the terme of yeares wch I have got to come in the same Also yt is my will that the said Anne Galley and Stephen Mason shall enioy the howse thei doe dwell in during my terme of yeares in the same payinge the yearly rent now accustomed I give unto my said brother Edward and to his assignes the sev̊all burgages or cottages now in the occupac̃on of ye seide Elline Chorlton Willm Platt Ric̃ Huett and Ric̃ Hulme for the terme of yeares wch I have yet to come in the same wth one yearly rent of foure shillinge issuing out of one dole or ꝑcell of lande lyinge uppon the backside of the same howses from the first day of May last past for the terme of twentie yeares And after the expirac̃on of the said xx^tie yeares I give &c. the rev̊c̃on of the said yeares to my saide brother Edward G. and his assignes to gether wth the lease therof Also yt is my will y^t all the leases towching all the p̊misses shall remayne in the custodie and keepinge of my executors here after named to the intente that yf any suite be com̄enced againste any ꝑson to whome I have be queathed the legacies afore saide that then the same leases may be shewed for the defence of the saide ꝑties And after y^t to bee redeliv̊ed to my said executors to remayne in theire custodie as is afore saide And yt is my will that yt shalbe further lawfull for my saide executore att any time duringe theire naturall lives to appoynt such substantiall and honest ꝑsonnes for the custodie and keepinge of the said leasses and writinge as they shall think meete And further as towchinge the division of the rente for the lande wch I houlde of Mr Strangwes yt is my will and mynd that my brother Robte G. and his assignes shall paye yearely to my brother Edwarde his executore and assignes att the usuall rent dayes the some of six shillinge And that my saide brother Edwarde shall paye the whole yearlie rent to the said Mr Strangwes and his heires wch rent is

yearlie xviij and one daye sheringe I give &c. to my uncle James G. my gold ringe wth a bloodston in wch my father gave me I bequethe unto Mr John Buckley preacher my booke caled . . . . . to my office Mr Ric̃ Shalcrosse my stonne bowe and my mould̊e for the same I bequeath . . . . . Leighe the booke called Mr Cromptone justice of peace I bequeath to my brother Robte one of the fether beddes wth the rest of the beddinge hanging̊e and all the furniture there unto be longinge wherein I doe now lye and also the same bedd stidd and also my sittorne I bequeath to my sister Anne the other ffether bedd after that my brother Robert hath made his choyse wth all the beddinge belonginge to my bedd when I was dwellinge wth my mother and also the troocle bedd I bequeath to my brother Edwarde G. one standdinge bedd where uppon certeyne letters for the name of my late father and mother be ingraved To Phillipp Gosnell my best gowne my knitt nether . . . . . one shirt of Irishe clothe and my best . . . . . he . . . . . my best cloke my jirkine and breeches of stript plumet and all my wolsteed knitt stockins and all my books towching chirurgery and phisicke and all my bookes of president̊e savinge my bookes of president̊e towchinge eccliasticall or civill causes wch I give &c. to Mr Thomas Richardson Deane of Manchester I bequeath to my brother Edward my dublett of ash cooler wth the silver buttons uppon the same and one payre of breeches quilted and stiched wth red silke All the rest of my apparell I give &c. to my brother Robte G. I bequeath to my cossine William Glover tooe volumes of Tullies Oracõns Tullies Epistles and Tullie de Oratore I bequeath to Mr Deane of Manchester all my bookes of the civill lawe To the said Mr Deane one bloodstone wch is in my purse and tenne shilling̊e in goulde to sett the same stone in I bequeath to Marie Richardsone tenne shilling̊e To my cossine Ric̃ Shalcrosse a goulde ringe wth a stone called an amitist To James Lancashire my vewe [yew] bowe wth the redd handle and all my hoyling arrowes And I doe make executors of

this &c. my welbee loved cossine Mr Ric̄ Shalcrosse my uncle James Glover and James Lancashire And I doe make ovseere of the same Mr Thomas Richardson Mr John Buckley and Robert Leighe In witness &c. Robert Buckley Charles Duckette &c.

Extracts from the Inventory. — In pictures xxij^d — the greate picture v^s — 3 bowes vj^s viij^d — his arrowes and quiver ij^s — iij goulde ringe xxx^s — a siteron xiij^s iiij^d — a stonn bowe xiij^s iiij^d — his wages in the churche xxxiij^s 4^d — in bookes v^li xiij^s — in leases and tackes of grounde 104^li

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THE WILL OF THOMAS ALDERSEY OF ALDERSEY, GENT.[1]

IN Dei nomine &c. I Thom^as Alderseye of Middle Alderseye in the countye of Chester gent. vysyted wth sicknes in body yet in good memory &c. doe make this my last will &c. And I comyt my bodye to the earthe the same to be buryed in the pishe churche of Coddingeton Secondelye I geve and bequeath unto Ales Alderseye my daughter one hundred poundē for her pferrem^t I give &c. to such other sonne or doughter as Anne A. my wyf being nowe w^th [child] shall happen to beare and bring into thys worlde one hundreth m^ke toward the pferm^t of the same I doe geve &c. to Anne Alderseye my syster ffowertye poundē for her marryage My will ys that Anne A. my wyef shall keepe and bringe uppe Robte A. my sonne and Ales A. my doughter and such other sonne or daughter . . . . . ys nowe wth childe w^thall wth sufficiyente meate drinke lodgeynge and appell fytte and convenyente for theire estate and callynge untill theye and eve of them shall accomplishe the full age of xxj^tie yeres unles they be otherwyse in the mean tyme pferred In consider . . . . whereof I geve unto the sayde Anne A. my wyef

[1] Proved March 29th, 1588.

so muche of my landꝭ as shalbe worthe by yere twentye poundꝭ in full satisffacc̃on of her joynture and the one half of my goodꝭ moveable and immoveable my funeralls discharged to have and enioy the same for the tearme of her naturall lyef And further my̆ will ys that my cossen Hughe Massye sonne and heyre appante of Davie Massye of Broxon in the sayde countye of Chester esquyer Raphe Bryne or [of] Bernardꝭ Inne in the county of Midd. gent. and John Costendyne of the Whitchurche in the countye of Salop gent. take the whole ꝑf[its] and comoditye of the rest of all my landꝭ tenem^ts^ and heredytam^ts^ and chattelꝭ whatsoeṽ from the daye of my deathe for the whole te[rme] of twentye and one yeres to such uses intentꝭ and meanyng hereafter shalbe in thys my will declared and expressed That ys to saye first In . . . . that my funeralls beeinge discharged the rest of my sayde goodꝭ and the residue of [my] landꝭ shalbe let out ffyrst for the dischargeynge of my dettꝭ and theye beynge payde [I] will and appointe the some of xl^li^ above geven to my syster Anne A. to be payde unto her for her ꝑferm^t^ And thyrdleye I will that . . . . . the sayde som̃e of C^li^ gevene to my daughter Ales A. as the sayde s . . . . . one C m^v^kꝭ geven to such sonne or daughter as my wyef ys nowe wth childe wch shalbe hereafter borne shalbe payde by my executors as theye receave the same to Anne A. my wyef to be bestowed by her for the benefyte of my childrene and she to repaye all such som̃es of moneye as she shall receave to my childrenes use when they shall accomplishe the full age of xxi^tie^ yeres or yf theye be before that tyme ꝑferred in marryage and she haveynge receaved the same And for the true ꝑformance of thys my sayde last will and testam^t^ I ordeyne &c. the sayd Hughe Massye Raphe Bryne and John Costendyne my &c. executors to see thys &c. In wyttnes &c. thẽ xvij^th^ daye of December in the xxx^th^ yere of the raygne of o^r^ soṽaygne Ladie Elizabeth &c. Oweynge to me by my cossen Robte Dod my stepfather xxx^li^ Wyttenesses Wyllyam Teyler Thom̃^as^ Manyfoldes John Horton Robte Mynshull.

EXTRACTS FROM THE INVENTORY OF HUGH ALDARSAYE LATE OF CHESTER, MAYOR.[1]

17 May 1st of Edward 6th.

iiij xx bushelle of barlye v^li — xxx bushelle of rye xl^s — viij bushelle of whete xvj^s — in berlye malte xxj bushelle at xvij^d the bushell xxix^s v^d — xij bushelle of ote malte x^s — xx bushelle of grae paese xvj^s — vij bushelle of grene paese ix^s iiij^d. In another part of the same inventory: Whete lvij bushelle at ij^s viij^d the bushell vij^li xij^s — xx xij bushelle and viij of berlye at xiiij^d the bushell xiiij^li xij^s — xx bushelle of ots xvj^s viij^d — xxij bushelle of payse at xij^d the bushell xxij^s.

THE WILL OF GEORGE NEWTON OF NEWTON, GENT.[2]

IN the name &c. the iiij^th daie of Marche and in the xxj^th yeare of the raigne of oure sovarigne ladye Elizabeth &c. I George Newton of Newton in the countie of Chester gent. make my last will

[1] Hugh Aldersey of Chester gent., third son of Henry Aldersey of Aldersey and Spurstow by Jane, daughter of John Hockenhull of Hockenhull gent., married Margaret, daughter of Randle Bamville of Gawsworth, and had an only daughter and heiress Margaret, who married first Henry Bunbury of Stanney Esq., and secondly Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton Knight. He was Mayor of Chester in 1541 and 1546, in which year he died. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 404; *Harl. MSS.* 2119, p. 33.

[2] Proved April 19th, 1580. The testator was son and heir of Alexander Newton of Newton gent. in Mottram parish, by Emlyn, daughter and heiress of Thomas Bromley of Nantwich, afterwards wife of Edmund Dukinfield gent. He was at the siege of Bullogne 37 Henry VIII., and married Elizabeth, daughter of Ralph Cudworth of Werneth gent. She died 2nd James I., aged 84. — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xii. See Alexander Newton's will, *Wills and Inventories*, Portion i. p. 41.

&c. I gyve unto my wife the third ꝑte of thees my mess gardens and tofts wth all mañ of houses buyldinge &c. what soever of this my house wherein I nowe dwell wth the third ꝑte of all theese my demeses lande woode waste mosses &c. to have &c. for the terme of her ñrall lyfe in the name of her thirde and dower I gyve unto my said wyfe ij messuage and tente called Impshanoe[?] and one tenement in the tenure of Jenkyn otherwise called John Rodes and a tenement in Newton now in the occupasion of Edmunde Duckenfeild and my mother now his wyfe to have &c. for terme of her lyfe ñrall after the decease of my mother My will ys that shee shall have the educacion and bringinge uppe of my foure daughters untyll shee see convenient tyme and place for theire better ꝑferment and that shee shall receyve foure pounds for my daughter Jane over and besydes her chyldes ꝑte and porc̃on of all my goode to bee levied of my demesne lande viz. of those porc̃ons of lands wch maie happen to come to my sonne Alexander Newton immediatlie after my decease my iij^li^ a yeare payable att Pentecost and St. Martin in winter by even porc̃ons Unto eṽie one of my other iij daughters viz. Elizabeth Fortune and Marie eṽie one of them xx^li^ to bee taken oute of my demesne lande wch shall descende unto my sonne Alexander immediatlie after my decease and to bee deliṽed unto them att suche tyme as they shall fortune to come to honest ꝑferment of mariage My will ys that my sonne John N. shall have a yearlie rent of xxvj^s^ viij^d^ for the tearme of his lyfe to bee taken of the landes in Newton aforesaid nowe in the tenure of Raphe Hayward My will ys that my sonne George N. shall have the yearlie rent for tearme of his lyfe of xiij^s^ iiij^d^ to bee taken of the messuage wch Henrie Ashton now dwelleth in I gyve &c. unto my sonne and heyre apparant Alexander Newton all such heyre loames as weare lefte unto mee by my father his last will and testament wth one yoke of oxen or xx nobles in money and one mare or fyve marke to bee deliṽed unto him by the hande of my executrix att such tyme as he shall keepe house

and hospitallitie in Newton Whereas I bounde my sonne George N. as aprentis unto Thomas Goodier of Manchester for x yeares and have bonde my self to paye unto the same Thomas x^li my will ys that myne executor shall paye the same of my whole goode and cattalle afore anie division bee made therof All my lande tenemente &c. wth in the countie of Chester or els where after the &c. and meaning of this my last will shall remayne to my sonne Alexander N.[1] and his heyres according to my auncient evidence And my will ys yf I dye afore hee come to the full age of xxj yeares that my speciall friend William Ashton of Rachdall gent. shall have the mariage and bringing uppe of hym untyll hee bee of the full age of xxj yeares And yf anie ambiguitie or question ryse or groe uppon anie poynte in this my last will &c. I will that this same shalbee resolved &c. by the right worshipfull and my deare ffriende Sr Richard Buckley knight and Edmunde Ashton of Chaderton esquier whome I desire to see the contente heareof trulie accomplished and for the execucõn &c. I ordayne &c. my welbeloved wyfe Thomas Asheton of Shepley gent. my true and lawfull executors These being wittnes William Ashton Thomas Ashton Edmunde Taylior Raphe Heyward Alice Newton Rob Taylior wth others.

THE ACCOUNTS OF THE EXECUTORS OF THOMAS CLIFTON OF WESTBY, ESQ.[2]

Duodecimo die Martii Anno Dñi 1558 [1558-9].

A BOOKE of Accompts of th'administracõn of the gooddes of Thoms Clyfton esquier whiles he lyved of the pyshe of

[1] Alexander Newton gent. married first Mary, daughter of Arthur Asheton of Rochdale gent., and had issue a daughter Elizabeth, who ob. s.p. He married secondly Susan, daughter of Robert Hyde of Denton Esq. — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xii.

[2] William Clifton of Westby Esq., married (covenant dated 9 Hen. VIII.) Isabel,

Kyrkhm̄ w^th^in the countie of Lancaster conteyned and mentioned in the inventorye of the said Thom̄s Clyfton maid the same daye by John Westby esquier and Kat̄in his wyff George Rog̃ley and Wiłłm Clyfton gent executors of the last wyll and testament of the said Thom̄s before Sr Richard P̄ton [Preston] vicar of Garstange Sr James Smyth vicare of Kirkhm̄ and Sr Thom̄s Crosse vicare of Sanct Michaels upon Wyre com̄isshon̄s appoyinted for the takyng of the said accomptę by the rev̄ende father in Christ and Lorde Cuthbert byshoppe of Chester.[1]

The accomptę of John Westby and Kat̄in his wyff The said John and Kat̄in had and receyved of the said gooddes these p̄cells folowing In p^r^mis barly xxxj^ti^ mettę and one pecke xxxvij^s^— peyse two mettę v^s^— one whit gelding iij^li^ vj^s^ viij^d^— one stoned horse v^li^— one stagge xx^s^ — two mares iiij^li^ x^s^ — xl^ti^ mettę of wheat that George Cowban solde x^li^ — vj seves of otę that the said George solde iiij^li^ — foure mettę of wheat solde to John Dodell xx^s^ — of Sr John Southwort knyght lvj^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^ — of Lawrens Greves xlvj^s^ viij^d^ — of James Davye iij^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^— of Nicholas Hackyng xxij^s^ — in lynnen clothe v^s^ viij^d^ — of George Rog̃ley xx^s^ — of Henry Osbaldston vj^li^ — eight oxen xviij^li^ — foure steyres viij^li^ — eight kyne xv^li^ — one fatt cow xxx^s^ — xij yonge beastę viij^li^ — three pottę of brasse and two pañs

daughter of William Thornborough Esq. of Hampsfield in the county of Westmoreland, by whom he had William, Ellen wife of George Rogerley, and a son and heir Thomas Clifton the testator. He married first (covenant dated 28 Hen. VIII.) Ellinor, daughter of Sir Alexander Osbaldeston of Osbaldeston Knt., and had issue Cuthbert Clifton his successor, Ellen wife of Arthur Hoghton of Kirkham, and Isabel wife of Hamlet, son of Sir John Holcroft of Holcroft Knt. The testator married secondly (covenant dated 2 Edw. VI.) Catherine, sister of Sir John Southworth of Samlesbury Knt., and died 19th September 1551. His widow married at Kirkham, 23rd January 1551-2, John Westby of Mowbreck Esq.—*Lanc. Visitation* 1567 *and the Family Evidences*. John Talbot Clifton Esq. of Lytham Hall is the representative of this ancient family.

[1] It appears from the heading of the inventory that the testator died the 19th September 1551. I have preferred the executors' accounts to the inventory, being more full; but no Will appears in the Registry.—J. P.

xxxv^{s} — one sovaygne of golde in valure xx^{s} — one double double duckett in valure xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — one braselett y^{t} hadd upon it in olde golde to the valure of xlxviij^{s} — one other braselett y^{t} hadd upon it of olde golde to the valure of xxxv^{s} — one other braselett having upō it ij crownes — one new royall — one quystill [whistle] of sylv — one crosse of sylv and one hooke of sylv — one brouche and one hart of sylv gylt — iij new royals and thre crownes — in bedding beddestockę and chistę xviij^{li} vj^{s} vj^{d} — in other howseholde stuff jx^{li} jx^{s} viij^{d} — shepe fatt and leane viij^{li} iiij^{s} v^{d} — hay iij^{li} — turff xl^{s} Sum totalę CCv^{li} jx^{s} xj^{d}.

The accomptę of George Rogley The said George hadd receaved of the said gooddes these ꝑcels folowing xviij^{ne} seves of otę xij^{li} ix^{s} iiij^{d} — xv^{ne} mettę of peyse xxxiiij^{s} — ffyve oxen xiiij^{li} — thre kyne iiij^{li} xix^{s} iiij^{d} — in golde that was in his purse vij^{li} xv^{s} iiij^{d} ob — xx^{ti} score mettę of barly that George Cowban sold xl^{li} — xxx mettę of wheat and one pecke vij^{li} xij^{d} ob — one gelding v^{li} — one stagge xxiiij^{s} — three mares vj^{li} xij^{s} iiij^{d} — swyne viij^{li} — one sylv salt cellar wth a coving lvj^{s} viij^{d} — one sylv cupp wth a coving xxx^{s} — xij sylv spones iiij^{li} x^{s} — barly foure mettę xij^{s} Sum totalę Cxviij^{li} v^{s}.

The accomptes of Willm Clyfton th'elder deputed for Nicholas Thornborow The said Willm hadd and receyved of the said gooddes these ꝑcels folowing Wheate xxviij mettę iiij^{li} xvj^{s} — otę lxxij seves and foure mettę lx^{li} xiiij^{s} x^{d} — peyse xij mettę and half a pecke xxij^{s} vj^{d} — viij oxen x^{li} ix^{s} viij^{d} — one bull xvj^{s} — xviij kyne xix^{li} xv^{s} viij^{d} — xxj^{ti} yonge beastę and xviij calves xix^{li} — ffyve mares vj^{li} iiij^{d} — one curtall horse xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — two curtall horseis iij^{li} — beddyng xvij^{li} ij^{s} iiij^{d} — shepe xv^{li} ij^{s} — pullan xvij^{s} viij^{d} — buttry stuff vj^{s} x^{d} — talow iiij^{s} — pueter vessell one chandlar and one prygg xvij^{s} iiij^{d} — one panne one brasse pott and one possenett xx^{s} — wull l^{s} v^{d} — husbandry stuff lviij^{s} — a counl v^{s} — a mylne stone xvij^{s} — tymbre xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — brycke iiij^{li} vj^{s} v^{d} — straw xiiij^{s} —

barly cxliiij mettę and a pecke xx^{li} xij^{s} viij^{d} — turffę xx^{s} — vij quyssons vij^{s} Sma totall Clxxxxviij^{li} xx^{d}

Legacyes geven by his wyll One quye of thre yeres olde towarde our ladies[1] stock p^{r}ce xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — toward the gramm̃ scole xx^{s} — to his mother one gray nagg iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — to his said mother in monay xx^{s} — his sone Cuthbert Clyfton all his rayment p^{r}ce of the same xiiij^{li} xiiij^{s} iiij^{d} — to his said sone vj bullockę xij^{li} — to his said sone vj quyes jx^{li} xvj^{s} — to his said sone one plough harow and one hay wayne wth all thingę to them belongyng xxij^{s} viij^{d} — to Sr Thoms Threlffall one quye xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — to Robert Forshaw one quye xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — to George Cl[y]derrall one baye stagge that trotteth xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — to the said George in monay xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — to George Cowban one bay mare xl^{s} — to John Standishe one quye xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — to vj servantę xx^{s} — to Sr Rauff Thomson iij^{s} iiij^{d} — to S^{r} Wiłłm Stryng iij^{s} iiij^{d} — vij white gownes l^{s} x^{d} — to the moost neadfull of Kyrkhm pyshe vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Legacyes geven not specyfyed in his wyll To Anne Clyfton towardes a coote iij^{s} — to Mawde Clyfton for lyke purpose iij^{s} — to Elizabeth Cardwell toward a smocke vij^{d} — to two children of Westby to by them clothes wth xj^{s}.

Debtę mencyoned upo his wyll that he awed To Wyłłm Clyfton his brother for his childes pte of his fathers gooddes xl^{li} To M^{r} Wiłłm Westbye for one baye gelding one white nagge iij^{li} vij^{s} vj^{d} — to the same Mr Westby iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}.

Debtę owying to others not specyfyed upo his wyll To the vicar for his teythingę xxj^{s} — to Olyv Breers for clothe iij^{li} — to George Rogley x^{li} xvij^{s} viij^{d} — to George Clyderrall x^{s} viij^{d} — to Elizabeth Bretherton ij^{s} — to George Moser ij^{s} — towardes the paying the rent of the tythe xxvij^{s} — to Nycolas Cowbren iiij^{s} vij^{d} — to the clerke of the wapentake for a subsidie x^{s} — to Kyrfoote for expenceis in his mast cawses ij^{s} iiij^{d} — to George Clyderrall for expenceis ix^{d} — to

[1] The Family Chantry in Kirkham Church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

John Halywall for the table of two children xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — to Wiłłm Forshaw for agreement xviij^{s} iiij^{d} — to Thoms Symson for two sythes v^{s} iiij^{d} — the said Thoms for a tether viij^{d} — to James Newsam for a payre of whelis x^{s} — to the tenante for taske turff xxxvj^{s} vj^{d} — to George Mser vj^{s} — to John Crokan of Lethm for salt v^{s} — payed towardes the rent of the tythes at Michaelmas xxvij^{s} — to George Cowban for expenceis about his maysters busynes xiij^{s} — to the said George for watyng to the beaste in Weton fayre viij^{d} — to John Fyssher at Lethom for salt xix^{s} iiij^{d} — to Wiłłm Warton for merciminte in the Peyle xij^{d} — to Robert Benett for money that he laid downe for lowsing of yarne and ale potte ij^{s} — to Elyn Pyper for chekyns vj^{d} — to George Houghton for veale and muttō iiij^{s} — to Edmund Hankynson for veale and mutton ij^{s} iiij^{d} — to John Husserwoodd for a payre of wheales viij^{s} — to Nicholas Cowban for going to Mr Nicholas Thornborow viij^{d} — to Robert Hankynson for waytyng to the beast in the somd fayre at Pton [Preston] vj^{d} — to M^{r} Wiłłm Westbye wch was borowed of him xij^{li} — to Derby phisician for his rewarde xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — to Wiłłm Clyfton for halff one yeres rent of balance xxij^{s} — to the said Wiłłm for a pte of another halff yere rent vj^{s} — to the said Wiłłm y^{t} he payed towarde the rent of the tythe barnes of Weton and Westby at two sevall tymes iij^{li} iiij^{s} viij^{d}.

Funall expenceis maid the daye of his buriall and aft To the wyff of John Dodell for ale v^{s} x^{d} — for fysshe wch was bought at Lethom the same daye xij^{s} — for egges bought the same daye xiij^{d} — to Nicholas Fayre for fysshe and byrdes iij^{s} iiij^{d} — at the churche the same daye iiij^{li} iiij^{d} — to Richard Charnley for makyng of coote at the same tyme v^{s} iiij^{d} — to George Jeneson cooke for dressing of the din ij^{s} — to the vj p^{r}sers and devders of the goodde vj^{s} — to John Bretherton for fysshe viij^{d} — payed to Henry Hodgekynson for a pte of his clothe y^{t} was bought for the mournyng coote xxxvj^{s} vj^{d} — to Olyv Breers and to Rawlyn Dawson for blake clothe bought for

cootꝭ at the same tyme iiij^{li} vj^{s} v^{d} — to Thoms Johnson for threede and buttons viij^{d} — to the wyff of George Cowban for butt v^{s} — to Thoms Johnson for one dosen poyntꝭ vj^{d} — to Henry Hodgekynson for spyceis v^{s} — to Robert Merser wyff for fysshe viij^{d} — to Mr Comisary for a lett ad colligendū and for one obligacon ix^{s} — to Henry Robynson for a salmō xviij^{d} — at Garstange for one lett ad colligendū iiij^{s} — at the same tyme for the expenceis of th'executors xij^{d} — to Sr Willm Streng for wrytyng of his wyll and inventories in pchement iij^{s} iiij^{d} — pchement for the same xij^{d} — to the deane for the pbacon of the testamēt and the casting of our bookꝭ xx^{s} — for our expenceis at the same tyme ij^{s} ij^{d} — to John Mylh for going to Mr Thornborow to give him warnyng to come to the pbacon of the testament viij^{d} — to the vicar for the mortuary x^{s}.

Servantꝭ wages To Thoms Kyrfoote xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — to James Bagg viij^{s} — to the childe of the kychin iiij^{s} — to George Clederrall behinde of his wages xvj^{d} — to Robert Forshaw viij^{s} — to John Hankynson viij^{s} — to Sr Thoms Threlffall xl^{s} — to John Sanderson smyth for shoing of his horses vj^{s} — to Richard Charnley his tailyor xvij^{s} — to Laurens Wadmough his smyth for worke v^{s} — to Henry Newsam smyth for woorke ij^{s} — to James Sharrocke for shering peyse xvj^{d} — to men servantꝭ iij^{li} ij^{s} — to wemen servantꝭ iiij^{s}.

Beastꝭ conteyned in the inventorie and p^{r}sed yett deade before sale colde be conveniently made of them Two fatt oxen v^{li} — fyve yonge beastꝭ iiij^{li} — two calves xx^{s} — one olde white mare vj^{s} viij^{d}.

Cuthbert Clyfton sone and heyre of the said Thoms holdeth to him selff of the gooddꝭ these pcels folowing calling them heyre loomes One greate pott xxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one lesse pott xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one skellett pane xv^{s} — one greate pane v^{s} — one and-iron and one greate payre of tonges xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one tent for wars xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one standing bedd xiij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Rayment bought for Elyn Clyfton daught to the said Thoms by George Rogley anis regnoꝫ Philippi et Marie p^{r}mo et sēdo vj yardes

of wursett x^s — two yardes of bokeram xx^d — two yardes of blaek fryse for lyning jx^d — for threede iij^d — for claspis and holders j^d — clothe for a smocke $xvij^d$ — one payre of hoose x^d Rayment bought for the said Elyn by the said George annis sēdo et tertio For a gowne ij yardę one q̃ di x^s vj^d — bukerham ij yardes and an halff xx^d — thred ij^d — claspes and holders j^d — lynne clothe for a smocke ij yardę $xxij^d$ — for makyng the gowne $viij^d$ — blacke chamlett for a gowne viij yardę and a halff $xxviij^s$ $iiij^d$ — bukeram ij yardes and an halff xx^d — lyning for the playtes of the gowne vij^d — velvett sylke claspę and holders ij^s $viij^d$ — for making of the gowne $viij^d$ Rayment for the said Elyn añis 3 and 4 For ij smockę ij^s $iiij^d$ — for a yarde and a quart of lyñen clothe xx^d — ij payres of hoose $xiiij^d$ — for halff a yarde of chamlett to the amending of a gowne geven by maystris Molynex $xviij^d$ — for three yardes of lyning fryse $xviij^d$ — for claspę and holders iij^d — for the makyng of the said raymēt vj^d — for one payre of hoose xj^d — for one yarde of lynen clothe xvj^d Rayment bought for the same Elyn annis 4 et 5 viij yardes of Kendel fryse $viij^s$ — one yarde and an halff of buckeram $xiij^d$ — threed iij^d — one yarde of lyning v^d — three yardes of white for a petycote iij^s — for dying of the same $xviij^d$ — for the table of the said Elyn and Elyzabet hir sust from Mychaelmas unto Passion Sundaye $xxxiij^s$ $iiij^d$ — for the table of the said Elyzabeth one hole yere xl^s Rayment bought for Elyzabeth Clyfton dought to the said Thoms by Willm Clyfton at Cest año Dñi 1556 Clothe of divers sortę $xxvj^s$ $viij^d$.

Debtes owyng to the said Thoms Clyfton specified upon th'inventorie pte whereof is in daung to be recoved or gotten John Holkar for a gelding v^{li} vj^s — Willm Carlton for his table two yeres v^{li} vj^s — Richard Hall for the gressome of his horse $iiij^{li}$ Debtę owing to the said Thoms Sr John Sothewort knyght xv^{li} — the same Sr John Sothwors for a gowsehawke $iiij^{li}$ — Laurens Bray for an oxe x^s — for his halff yeres rent iij^s vj^d — James Lee for one quy xvj^s.

Receyved of the childers goodde by Henry Osbaldston Two oxen iiij^{li} — the said Henry three ptes of the tythe corne of Weton xxxv^{s}.

Stuff remaynyng at Westby and yett unsolde One standing bedd vj^{s} viij^{d} — xj payre of bedstocke xij^{s} — one crossbowe and thre racke x^{s} — viij mylne pycke ij axes halff one gavelocke of iron ij mylne roope xij^{s} — one thowsand and an halff of brycke xvij^{s} vj^{d} — one turff wayne iiij^{s} — iij candilstycke ij olde put potte one brooken platt one old put basyn iij broken put disshes ij skyles ij stndes one ale pott iij cannis of wudd one kneding vessell one dry prig panne iiij mylke troughis — one cuppboorde vj^{s} viij^{d} — iij salte of earthe j^{d} — one bason and an . . . . . iiij^{s} — vj candilsicke ij^{s} — one pueter candilsycke vj^{d} — one brasse pott xxvj^{s} — two basins xij^{d} — two stndes and jx ale potte v canns iij pyckyns one earth pott one stone pott ij^{s} ij^{d} ob — ffoure chiste xxvj^{s} — one hogs heade iij boorde iij basyns xx^{ti} wud disshis ij^{s} ij^{d} — one olde cupboorde ij^{s} — xj treste xij^{d} — one heckyll[1] ij^{d} — one brake[2] iij forrmes one stole jx^{d} — viij pueter platters viij^{d} — viij narow disshis iiij^{s} — ij sawcers iij pottingers one morter and a pestell v^{s} viij^{d} — one axe xij tre disshis one pañe iij barels and iij knoppes jx^{s} — one girdill and one brandrith v^{s} — one arke ij sacke j chorne and v cheyres iij^{s} ij^{d} — one bering shett and one payre of tonge vj^{d}.

Men^{dm} y^{t} Cuthbert Clyfton and Willm Clyfton his brother hadd delyved to them when they were at Inskipp one feder bed wth one bolster ij blankette one payre of shete wch bedd and other thinge belonging to it was nev brought agayne to us th'executors p^{r}ce hereof xlvj^{s} viij^{d}.

[1] An instrument for dressing flax or hemp.

[2] An instrument with teeth for the same purpose.

THE WILL OF ROBERT ENTWYSSELEY OF THE FOLDES, HUSBANDMAN.[1]

IN the name &c. The xth daye of ffebruarye and in the yeare of our Lorde God a thousande fyve hunderyth threeschore and xiijth [1573-4] I Robart Entwysseley of the Foldę in the countye of Lancastre husbandeman beinge sycke in bodye but in good and pfytt remembraunce praysed be God do ordayne and make thys my laste wyll &c. and my body to be buryed wythin the churche of Bolton as nere my wyff as maye welbe suffered I gyve unto Alexander Hasselam vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} [and] sixe shepe I gyve unto Willm Hasselam fyve poundes sixe shipe a coverlet a payre of shetę and a payre of blanketę Unto John Leyver a coverlett a payre of shetę and a payre of blankettę Unto Gyles Hasselam ffourtye shyllynges Unto the sone of Gyles Hasselam twentye shyllynges I gyve unto the wyff of Henrye Longworth xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Unto George Longworth sone of the said Henrye twentye shyllynges Unto Sysseley Longworthe twenty shyllynges Unto ffoure chylderen of Rauff Entwysseley everye one sixe shyllynges eight pence Unto Willm Entwysseley of the Brode Heade xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Unto Alys Worthyngton twentye shyllynges Unto everye chylde of Alexander Worthyngton three shyllynges ffoure pence I gyve Agnes Croston a heffer Unto Johañe Worthyngton sixe shyllynges eight pence Unto Nycholas Mather ij ewes and unto hys doughter ij lambes Unto Alys Entwysseley a heffer [and] twentye shyllynges I gyve Agnes Entwysseley tenn shyllynges Unto the wyff of Henrye Entwysseley and her doughters that are unmaryed ffortye shyllynges Unto Genet Horrockę twentye shyllynges Unto Jane Symē sixe shyllynges eight pence Unto Annes Croston a lytle panne a voyder

[1] Proved March 20, 1574 (1574-5).

and a pewter dysshe I gyve unto Elizabeth Horrocke a greate pott Itm I gyve unto Thomas Longworth sixe shyllynges eight pence Also I gyve unto the wyff of Rycharde Brabyn a cowe Itm I gyve unto Sysselye Longworth a cowe Item I give unto Jane Symē a cowe styrke Itm I give unto James Horrockes xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Itm I geve unto Jane Hasselam sixe shyllynges eight pence And I orden and make Hugh Entwysseley Rauff Entwysseley and Alexander Worthyngton my executors &c. And I gyve everye one of theym xiij^{s} iiij^{d} And I hartelye desyre Edmūde Entwysseley and George Holme yomen to be supvicers &c. and I gyve eyther of them for theyr paynes xiij^{s} iiij^{d} The resydew of my goodes not bequethed expences and costes made after my buryall I leave unto my executors to gyve and dyspose unto pore people the next of my frendes and other charytable dedes these beinge ꝑsent &c. Roger Bromeley Elys Leyver Henry Longworth wyth others.

The following are amongst the names of parties owing money to the testator: Hugh Entwysseley, Gylbert Entwysseley, Rauffe Entwysseley of the Brodeheade, Rauff Entwysseley of Entwysseley.

THE WILL OF GILES ENTWISTLE OF ENTWISTLE, HUSBANDMAN.[1]

IN the name &c. the viij daie of May in the yere of oure Lorde 1582 I Gyles Entwisill sonne of Hughe Entwisill of Entwisill in the countie of Lanc husbandman something sicke in bodye but of good and perfite remembraunce praised be God by reason of the uncertayntie of deathe do for the setlinge of good and quiet order emongeste and betwene my wife and children make &c. this my laste will and testament in maner and fourme followinge ffirste I

[1] Proved 15th May, 1582.

geve and bequethe my soule &c. and my bodye to be buried in the pyshe churche of Boultoun in suche place as my frendę shall appoūnte Item yt is my will and mynde that all my goodę be devided into three ptes one pte wherof I do geve unto Alis my wiffe one other pte unto my children Anne Elizabeth Thomasin Issabell and Mergaret to be equallie devided amongest theym and the third pte wch is my owne pte my will is that Alis my wiffe shall have the custodie therof after my funerall expensis and dettę discharged to the use and pfermennent of my saide children I doe make &c. Alis my wiffe and Anne my daughter my executors and I humble praye and desier my worshipfull landislordę Edward Tyldesley esquier and Thomas Tyldesley his sonne and heire to be supprovisors &c. Witnesses John Entwisill William Entwissill &c. I gyve unto my younge Mr a longe staffe.

THE WILL OF RALPH BELFIELD OF CLEGG, GENT.[1]

IN the name of God Amen the xjth day off August in the yeare off owre Lord God MDlviij[2] and in the iiijth and v yeares off the reygnes off owre sovereygne lord and ladye Philipp and Marie

[1] No date of probate. Inventory dated 23rd September, 1557. Ralph Belfield of Clegg gent. married Elizabeth daughter of Edmund Hopwood of Hopwood Esq. and had issue two daughters and coheiresses, Elizabeth who married when a child, at Middleton, 22nd September, 1562, Alexander Barlow of Barlow Esq., from whom she was divorced in 1574. She was afterwards married to Rev. Edward Assheton M.A., Rector of Middleton, and died s. p. Anne the other daughter married the same day Richard son and heir of Richard Leigh of High Legh Esq., which marriage was also dissolved. She was afterwards wife of William Assheton of Clegg Esq. brother of Edward the rector, and left issue. — *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 211.

[2] The year 1558 is an error, as the 11th August 4th and 5th Philip and Mary is the 11th August 1557, which agrees also with the date of the inventory.

by the grace off God &c. I Rawffe Belffyld off Clegge in the cowntye off Lanc̃ gent sycke in bodye &c. doe ordeyne &c. ffyrst and principallye I commend my sowle to the eternall living God the onelye maker and redemer off man kynd and my bodye to be buryed in the parishe churche off Rachedale or els where yt shall please God to dispose I wyll y^{t} all my goodꝭ and cattalls shall be devyded into iij equall partes whereoff on equall parte I wyll y^{t} Elizabeth my wyffe shall have in the name off all her thryd parte off all my seyd goodes and cattells And one other equall parte I wyll y^{t} my ij dowghters Elizabeth and Anne shall have equallye devyded betwixte theym And the iij part I reserve to my executors hereaffter to be named to declare this my last wyll uppon I geave &c. towards the reediffynge and sustentation off the pishe churche off Rachedale the sum̄e off vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} to be payd by my executors yearelye as the churche wardens shall reasonablye require the same I geave and bequeth to beatyne [*sic*] my [*sic*] syxe powndes xiij^{s} iiij^{d} To my syst̃ Anne iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} I geave to James Belffyeld my servant aswell in consideration off the good service wch he hathe heretoffore doone as hereaffter shall doe all my tytle and interest off and in ye moytye off one tenement and ffermehold lying and being in the pishe off Bawden in the cowntye off Chester late in the tenure and occupation off one Hughe Massie and now in the peaceable possession off me the seyd Rawffe peing the accustomyd yerelye rent ffor the same I geave to Robt Butterworth my servant in consideration off the good service wch he hath heretoffore doone the sum̄e off iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} I geave to Elizabeth my wyffe and my seyd ij dawghters Elizabeth and Anne all my ryght interest and terme off yeares wiche I have by lease in anye landes tenꝭ or tythes wthin the cowntye off Lancaster And also all my ryght and tearme off yeares wch I have off the rectorye[1] or psonage off Bowden wth all the

[1] The rectory of Bowden belonged to the priory of Birkenhead, and being vested in the Crown on the dissolution of that House, was leased Novr 24, 38 Henry VIII, for

pfettę thereoff except alweys the moytye off the tenement afforeseyd to be bestowed and imployed to the ꝑfferment off my seyd wyff and ij dawghters in maner and fforme ffolowinge That ys to sey my seyd wyff to have one equall part off the pfettę off all the seyd landes tenętę and tythes during the tearmes thereoff yet to expire (yff she so longe doe live) and yff she dye beffore the seyd tearmes be expyred that then the seyd equall part to remeyne to my seyd ij dowghters during ffowrth the seyd tearmes And lykewyse the other partes off the pfettę off the ꝑmisses to be devyded equallye betwixt my seyd ij dowghters during the tearmes afforeseyd yet to expyre And the resedew off my part off all my seyd goodes and cattels my debtes being peyd my ffunerall expenses ffynished and these my legacyes conteyned herein pfformed I geave and bequeth to my seyd ij dawghters Elizabeth and Anne equallye to be devyded betwixt theym And off this my ꝑsent testament and last wyll I make the seyd Elizabeth my wyffe and my seyd ij dawghters Elizabeth and Anne my ffeythfull executors to execute trewlye in the ꝑmisses And supvisowrs thereoff I doe make Richard Asheton esquyre Edmond Asheton esquyer Edmond Hoppwood my cosyn[1] and heyre apparent off Edmond Hopwood esquyer Robt Holt off Asheworth gent wch seyd supvisowrs I shall most hertelye and instantlye requyre that they take accowmptes yearelye at the ffeast off the nativitye off Seynt John Babtyst off my executors off the yerelye pfettę coming groing or arysing off the moitye off the seyd rectorye or psonage off Bowden and off all other my seyd leases tackes &c. In wytnesse whereoff to this my ꝑsent last wyll and testament I the

forty years, at an annual rent of £50, to "Arthure Belffeld off owre sayd sovereygne lordes household, gentylman, and Robert Tatton off Wythynsshaw, esquyer, hys graces servant." On the 8th of January following Henry VIII. conveyed the said rectory to John Bird then Bishop of Chester and his successors in exchange for "the manor of Weston, co. Derby, and off dyverse other manowrs landes and tenements made unto the sayd kynge." — J. P.

[1] Nephew by marriage.

seyd Rawffe Belffyeld have subscrybed my name and sett my seale geaven the dey and yeres ffyrst above wrytten I geave and bequeth to everye one off my servantes one quarters wayges over and besydes soche wages as I doe owe unto theym These wytnesses Edmond Hopwood esquyer Richard Radclyffe gent Thom^as Lord Oliver Chadwycke Edmond Mylne and others.

THE WILL OF LAURENCE HATTON OF HATTON, GENT.[1]

IN the name &c. the xviij^th daye of ffebruarye in ye yeare of our Lorde God a thowsande ffyve hundreth threyescore and tenne [1570-1] I Laurance Hatton of Hatton gent. somwhat dyseased &c. and my bodye to be buryed in ye churche of Deresburye nere unto my ffrendes I geve unto ye preyst y^t doeth ꝯvyce in y^t same church xij^d Unto Anne Starky my doghter one strike of barly Unto Lourence Wodd one stryke of barely I geve &c. unto every godchild y^t I have iiij^d Unto Lorence Dutton my godsonne sonne of John D. of New Mannour gentilmã x^s I geve &c. unto Laurence Hatton my nephue the longe borde in the howse one broche the byggeste of them one chayfer one hande mylne one colffer wyth all writinges and evidencis in ye same and all the bedstockes after and imediatlye the decease of my wyffe excepte ij pere of bedstockꝭ whych I geve &c. unto Harry Hatton my sonne I geve &c. unto Wyllyam Hatton one cowe Unto Peter Hatton my basterde sonne xx^s desiringe Peter Hatton of Norle [Norley] wythe whome the seid

[1] Proved April 15th, 1574. Of the family of Hatton of Quisty Birches in the parish of Daresbury. Here the Hattons continued until Peter Hatton Gent. with his two sons, Richard and Thomas, sold the property in 1661 to Robert Pickering, Barrister-at-Law. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 545.

Peter nowe dwellyth to se the seid money bestowed and imployed to the use of the seid Peter my basterd sonne imediatly aft^r my desease And after my dettes pede and ffunerall expēces discharged and these my leggaces hirein cōtened truelye accomplished and ffulfillede my whole goodę &c. shalbe devided into tow equall partes one equall parte I geve unto my wyffe and the other unto Raundulfe Hatton and Harry Hatton my sonnes equally devyded betwine them I ordene &c. Laurence Hatton my nephew afforeseid and Thomas Harp of More my executours And also my wyll is y^t the seid executors shall have all there costes and charges &c. Also I desire the worshipfull mast^r John Aston esquire to be my supervisor to se &c. Wytnes hereof Thomas Hatton John Daintythe Robarte . . . . . Itm he gave &c. uppon his death bedd after the will was written up unto Anne Starkie his dawghter aforsaid the better of the two covlettę that were bought at Werington and one payre of sheetes of teare hempe.

THE WILL OF JOHN BARLOW, RECTOR OF WARMINGHAM.[1]

IN the name of God amen the firste daye of May anno Domini 1591 I John Barloe clerk person of the rectory or benefice of the parishe churche of Warminghame beynge whole and sounde of mynde and memory thankę be to God therefore doe make my laste wyll &c. ffyrste I bequeathe my soule to Almightye God hopinge throughe the death of his only sonne Jesus Christe to have my portion in the resurrection of the juste and my bodye to Christian buryall where it shall please God to appoynte the same Also it is my wyll that my sonne William Barloe shall houlde him selfe fully satisfied

[1] Proved November 24th, 1595. Barlow's name does not appear in Ormerod's list of the Rectors of Warmincham.

and contented for his childe parte with tenne poundē of money which is nowe ꝑsently to be payd for byndinge him prentice in Shrewesbury And if the foresaid my sonne William shall truely and faythfully serve out his prentishippe then after those yeares expyred and he be made free man of his trade he shall have for terme of his lyffe a smale tenement provided for him in Talehorne Also it is my wyll that my sonne Randull B. shall holde him selfe sufficientlye satisfied and contented for his chyldē parte with that cost and chardges which I have beene and am styll at in mayntenynge him at his studye in Cambridge besydē a farme provided for him in Hangm̃ [Hanmer] parishe Alsoe that my sonne Randull B. when he cōmeth to yeares of age shall make an assignement to his mother and my wiffe Margaret B. for terme of hir lyffe of a lytle freholde land bought in his name and lyinge in Hangm̃ parishe It is my wyll that my sonne John B. shall houlde him selfe sufficientlye satisfied and contented for his chyldē parte with nyne powndē of money payd alreadye for him in byndinge him prentice in Chester And if the foresayd John B. shall truelye and honestlye serve out his yeares of prentishippe then after these yeares expyred and he be made freeman of his trade he shall ꝑsently have and enioye one ferme taken for him in Hangm̃ parishe My sonne Richard B. besydē a tenemente in Tylston provided for him shall have five powndē payd unto him by my executors either towardē the maynteyninge of him a whyle in the universytye of Cambridge or els for helpinge him to be bound prentyce to some honest occupac̃on in London Chester Shrewesbury or els where Also my sayde foure sonnes William Randull John and Richard shall not aske nor any of them clayme any further ꝑtes of their chyldē partes of my goodē but be fully satisfyed and contented It is my wyll that Margaret my wiffe sometyme called Margaret ssilcocke mother to the said foure sonnes William Randull John and Richard shall for the better mantenaunce of hir selfe and my two daughters enioy all the profettē of the two fermes taken for my

sonnes William and John untyll their prentishippe be come out My said wiffe Margaret B. shall have the rule and governemente of myne other twoe sonnes Randull and Richard and of their fermes and tenementę so longe as she shall continue widdowe And yf she shall happen to marrye or abuse my sayd chyldren and their goodę then it shall be lawfull at the will and discretion of myne executours and overseers to see their tenementę disposed to my chyldrens beste ꝑfermente I gyve to be disposed to the poore twentye shillingę It is my wyll that all the reste and resydue of my goodę cattelę and debtę be devided amongste my said wiffe and my twoe daughters Margaret and Marye B. my wiffe [to] have the one halfe of them and the other halfe to be equally parted betwene my two daughters And I doe make my said wiffe Margaret and my sayd sonne Randull B. and my most assured and faithfull frend Robert Watsonne[1] clerke person of Tylston these three to be my trustye executours And to oversee this my last wyll I doe appoynte and instantlye desyre my faythfull and very lovinge frendę Mr Owen Stockton of Cuddington and Mr William Collye of Ebnall And in full witenes to this &c. and to eꝟye parte and ꝑcell thereof I the said John B. the testator have hereunto putt my seall and subscribed my name &c. Witnesses Thomas Williamsonne Edward Harmer.

THE WILL OF ROBERT NEWALL OF LOWER TOWNHOUSE.[2]

IN the name &c. the first daye of Februarye in the yeare of our Lord God a thousand fyve hundrethe fourescore and one

[1] "Sr Robt Wattsone p'sone of Tilston was stalled there 8 June 1573," having succeeded John Dye (see *Wills and Inventories*, portion ii. p. 3), who was buried at Tilston 25th May, 1573. He resigned in 1603. — *The Registry, Chester.*

[2] Proved 17th February, 1581 [1581·2]. Robert Newall of Town House was the

[1581-2] and in the xxiiij^th^ yeare of the reigne of our soveraigne ladye quene Elizabethe I Robert Newall of the Lower Towne Howse in the pyshe of Rachdale yomā beinge sicke in bodie but in good and pfect remembrance praised be God therefore doe ordayne and make this my last will and testament &c. First I geve and bequethe my soule &c. Itm yt is my will and mynd that Wiłłm Greave Arthure Scolfeld Robert Butterworth and Robert .... den shall receyve and take the issues and profite of two ptes of all my lande &c. in Lower Towne Howse in Hundersfeld to the use and behouffe of Dorothye Newall my daughter and such child or children as Elin my wyffe is now wyth child for and durynge the terme of xv yeares next and imediatly ensuynge the daye [of the death] of me the said Robert Newall towarde theire education and preferment to .... expiration and end of the said terme of xv yeres then to the use and behouffe ..... Newall my sone and heyre apparent and his heyres for ever And concernyng [my] moveable goode yt is my will that they shall be devided into three [parts] wherof I geve one part unto Elin my wyffe in the name of her [dower] another pt I geve unto Dorothie my daughter and to such child or children [as] my wyffe is now wyth child wythall the third pte belongynge to my selfe [after my debts] payed and funerall expence dyscharged I geve wholly unto Dorothie my ..... for pformance of this my last will &c. I make Elin my said wyffe [my true] and lawfull executrix Supvisors ..... I make Charles Holt esquire and Bonaventure

only son of Laurence Newall of the same, Gent., descended from Laurence Newall of Shipden Hall in the parish of Halifax, Gent., who was living 31 Hen. VI., and whose son, William Newall, acquired Town House by his marriage with Isabella, elder daughter and coheiress of Christopher Kershagh of the same, as appears by deeds dated 6 and 8 July 31 Hen. VI. and 20 July 18 Edw. IV. The testator was a minor on the death of his father (will dated 2nd April 1557), and was the ward of Robert Savile of Pullayne, co. Lincoln, Esq., 6th February 7 Eliz. 1565. He ob. 4th February 1581-2. His post mortem inquisition is dated 22nd September 40 Eliz. — See Gastrell's *Not. Cest.* vol. ii. part. i. p. 136.

Caryngton Witnes Thomas Holt Robert Duerden Robert Butt^r^-worth yong and others.

Robert Newall + his marke.

THE WILL OF ROBERT TATTON OF WITHINSHAW, ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. I Robt Tatton of W^th^inshaw in the countye of Chester esquier beinge in healthe of bodye and of good remembrance I thanke my Lorde God therof nevthelesse knowinge that nothinge is more certen then deathe and the tyme therof most uncerten do therfore and in the better discharge of my conscience and quietnes of mynde make &c. this my testament &c. ffyrst I do comend my soulle to Almightie God my Creator and Redemer trustinge and moste faythefully belevinge that throughe and only by the passion and bytter deathe of his only begotten Sonne o^r^ Savior Jesu Crist I shalbe washed from the ffylthenes of synne and therby attayne the psence and functicion [fruition] of his devyne maiestye in his eternall celestiall kingedome and my body I will to be layd in my pishe churche of Northen in my capell theare if it please God I depte this worlde w^th^in the seyd countye And for my funerall charges I refferr the same to the dyscression of my executors and I

[1] Proved December 1st, 1579. Robert Tatton of Withenshaw Esq., son of John Tatton by Margaret daughter of Ralph Davenport of Chester, married Dorothy daughter of George Booth of Dunham Esq., and had issue William, his son and heir, who married Mary daughter of Sir Edward Fitton of Gawsworth Knt; 2, John; 3, Robert, buried 1610; 4, Edward of Etchells, buried 23rd May 1632; 5, Nicholas; and two daughters, Elizabeth wife of John Ward of Capesthorne, and Dorothy who married 1st November 1582 *James Bradshaigh of Haigh co. Lanc. Esq.* The testator died in June 1579.—Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 319. Thomas William Tatton of Withenshaw Esq. is the representative of this family.

will that my executors shall wthout delaye paye and discharge my funerallę and all other suche lawfull dutyes and debtes as I owe to any ꝑson uppon my ꝑper goodę and cattallę tackes and tythes My will is that my seid executors shall yerely recyve from the daye of my deathe all the yerely renttę of all my demeane landes now belonginge to my manor or mansion howsse of Wthinshawe in Northen and also the renttę issues &c. of all suche landę &c. wch I latelye purchased of John Davenport of Henburye esquier deceassed lyinge in Echellę and now occupied by me as my demesne landę belonginge to my mansion howsse of Wthinshaw untill they have fully taken upp of the sayd demeane lands ffoure hundrethe markes towardę the ꝑferment in mariage of Dorothe Tatton my doughter wch summ of foure hundrethe markes my will is shalbe payd to my seid doughter uppon reasonable request at suche tyme as she shalbe maried or atteyne the full age of xxiiijth yeres and if she dye before mariage then so moche as shalbe receyved towardę [her] ꝑferment [shall be] equally devyded amongst my yonger sonnes then lyvinge and then I will the reꝟcion of all the ꝑmysses to remayne to my sonne William Tatton and the heires malles of his bodye wth other remaynders oꝟ accordinge to the true meaninge of a pere [of] indentures triptite dated 2 Nov. 10 Eliz. betwene me the said Robt Tatton on the first ꝑtie Willm Bothe of Dunham esquire on the second ꝑtie and Willm Massye of Podington esq. on the thyrde ꝑtie except my seid mansion howsse of Wthinshaw &c. hereafter by me bequeathed to my seid wyeff for terme of her lieff onlye for asmoche as she hathe no convenient mansion house to kepe hospitalytie in but the manc̃on manor housse of the Pele of Echellę wch is not sufficientlye buyldid for her to dwell in and especiallye for asmoche as the same howsse is distant from her parishe churche two mylles she beinge not able to travell so farr in her olde yeres to here Gods devyne servyce Therfore I will that my seid wyeff shall duringe her lyeff or so longe as she shall there abyde and kepe hospytalytie have my

manc̃on howsse of W^th^inshaw and all the howsses buyldinge courtes gardens &c. and the seṽall p̃celle of the seid demeane landę nere adioyninge That is to sey the Calfe Crofte the Swyne P̃ke the two closes of land called the Lower Saxeffelde and the Higher Saxeffelde Emotę Eie the Longe Eie the Halle ffelde and the medowe on the backesyde of the stable beinge p̃cell of the seid demeane landę she payinge yerely for the same to my seid sonne Wiłłm and his heires males foure m̃kes provyded alwayes that if my seid sonne Wiłłm or his heires males will lawfully assure to my seid wyeff the manc̃on dwellinge howse of the rectorie of Northerden wth all other the howsses orchardę gardens courtes and yardes therunto appt̃enynge and also so moche good pasture or erable land of the demeanes of W^th^inshaw called Bradles wch liethe nere fitt and comodyous for my seid wyeff as will kepe her yerely twelve kie duringe her lyeff she payinge yerely for the seid manc̃on howsse of the seid rectorie &c. tenne shillinge and for seid pasture of aireable land called Bradles twentie foure shillinge then my seid sonne Wiłłm to have my manc̃on howsse of W^th^inshawe excepte the seid pasture or aireable land for feadinge or kepinge of the seid twelve kie I geve &c. to my seid wieff my manc̃on howsse of my manor of Echelle with all the demeane landę belonginge therunto and the land called the Pele Parke beinge p̃cell of the sayd demeane landę and all inclosures and intackes of land leyed to the same as they be compased withe pale hedge or dyche and now beinge in my owne occupac̃on and also my landę w^th^in Bolshaw or Bolshaw Wood wch is and of oulde tyme hathe ben knowen as p̃cell of the seid demeans of Echelle and all the landę wch lately were in the seṽall occupac̃ons of Renald Rylle of the Wood John Baylieff and Renald Rylle of the Lum̄e deceassed all wch be now in my owne occupac̃on to have &c. for her naturall lyeff payinge yerely to my sonne Wiłłm and to [his] heires males for the seid demeane landę p̃ke &c. six poundę threttyne shillinge and foure pence and for the landę late in the tenure of

Renald Rylle of the Wood nientene shillinge foure pence and for the lande late in the tenure of John Bailieff fouretene shillinge and for the land late belonginge to the tente of the seyd Renald Rylle of the Lume three shillinge foure pence accordinge to the ancient rent and that my seid wieff uppon her prop coste and chardges shall upholde the howsinge of the seid mancon howsse of Echelle wth sufficient repacons from tyme to tyme as nede requierthe and she to take convenient tymber wthin the seid pke to do the same wthall I geve to my wieff sufficient turbarie uppon my mosse rowme at Shadowe Mosse and belonginge to my seid mancon housse called the Pele and sufficient housseboote fyreboote ploughe boote haye boote hedge boote and carte boote to be taken yerely to my seid wieff as well wthin the Pele Pke as also wthin any others of the seid demeane lande duringe her lieff to be spent at the Pele of Echelle afore seid or at anye other place wthin the pishe of Northerden where my wieff shalbe comorante comittinge no wilfull waste I geve to my seid wieff my fferme of all the tythe cornes and haie in Echelle afforeseid beinge wthin the pishe of Stopport duringe the yeares wch I have yet to come in the seid fferme accordinge to covennte of mariage made betwixt Willm Tatton my seid sonne and heire apparant and Mary eldest doughter of Sr Edward ffytton knighte bearinge date 2 Sept. 6 Edw. VI. provided alwaies that if my seid wieff happen to marrie and take a husband that then all the demyses geiftes &c. bequeathed to my seid wieff to sease and be utterlye voyde and then I will &c. all the same to suche of my sonnes as then shalbe my heire male And where by my dede beringe date the viijth daye of November in the sixt yere of the reigne of the late kinge Edward the Sixte I enfeoffed Rondulphe ffytton and John Henshaw gent and theire heires in pcell of my lande tente &c. in Northerden Kenworthe [Kenworthy] Tympley Altrincham Oldefeld in Dunham and Mylington in the seid countie of Chester to the yerely valewe of twentie mkes to have &c. to th'use of Willm Tatton

my seid sonne and heire and to Marie his wieff for their two lyves and to theire assignes And for asmoche as the reste of my landꝭ tentꝭ &c. be demysed &c. to remayne after my deceasse to my seid sonne Wiłłm Tatton and to th'eires males of his bodye lawfullie begotten and for default &c. to [my] heires males &c. Therfore my will is that he my seid sonne Wiłłm wthin on twleffe monethes next after my deceasse shall assure and conveye to Rodger Pylston of Emrall in the countye of Flynte and to Richard Byrkenhed of the cytie of Chester esquires and theire heires all the seid landꝭ &c. to th'use of my seid sonne Wiłłm and the seid Marye and to th'eires males &c. of me the seid Robt as before I have intayled the rest of my seid landꝭ &c. and if my seid sonne Wiłłm Tatton refuse to assure and conveye the seid landꝭ and tenntꝭ wthin one twelve monthe next after my deceasse then and immedyatlye after suche refusall my will is that all my manors messuagꝭ landꝭ &c. wch I have purchased since the covennntꝭ of mariage made betwene me the seid Robt Tatton on th'on ptie and Sr Edward ffytton knight on th'other ptie shalbe and remayne to Robt Tatton sonne and heire apparant of Wiłłm Tatton my seid sonne and to th'eires males of [his] body and for default &c. [remainder] to th'eires males of the body of the seid Wiłłm my sonne [remainder to my heirs male &c. remainder to my right heirs] And if my sonne Wiłłm die before me the seid Robt or wthin twelve monethes after or before anye suche assurance made then Robt Tatton before named shall assure &c. the seid messuagꝭ landꝭ &c. wthin one yere next after he shall accomplishe the age of twentie and one yeres to the seid Rodger Puleston and Richard Byrkenheade and their heires in suche man̄ &c. as my seid sonne Wiłłm Tatton is bounden by this my last will to do And where I have covennted by indenture made betwene me on the on ptie and Sr Edmunde Peckham and Sr George Peckham knightꝭ on th'other ptie to paye to the sayd Sr Edmunde and Sr George fortie ffyve poundꝭ sixe shillingꝭ eight pence and for default of payment then

the sayd Sr Edmunde and Sr George shall entre into my seid manor of Echellę and the same shall have for manye yeres yet to come Therfore my will is that my seid sonne Wiłłm Tatton or suche other of my sonnes as it shall please God to ordeyne to be my heire shall yerelye paye unto the seid Sr Edmunde and Sr George duringe the terme of yeres wch I have lately had of theym in the seid ffarme of Echellę and others landę tenntę and heredytamtę the seid sume of xlvli vjs viijd at the ffeastę of the nativitie of Saint John Babtist and Saint Martin in winter by evin porcons And where by the seid covennntę made betwene the said Edward ffitton knighte by the name of Edward ffytton esquier and me the sayd Robt Tatton I the seid Robt do covennnt that I by my last will shall bequethe unto my seid sonne Wiłłm Tatton the occupacon of all my ffarmes called Echellę Aldeford and Alderley and also the occupacon of the psonage of Northen and Bowdon and all tythes oblacons and other comodyties belonginge to the seid psonagę for terme of [his] lieffe [remainder] unto th'eires of the seid Wiłłm for mayntennnce of good hospitallitie at Wthinshawe Now I the seid Robt in full accomplishment of the seid covennntę bequeathe to my seid sonne Wiłłm Tatton the seid ffermes and landę in Echellę &c. except suche as I have before in this my will bequethed to my wieff for terme of her lieff and also excepte my legasie geven to my doughter Dorothe and the psonagę of Northerden and Bowdon and all the tythes &c. to the seid Wiłłm for terme of his lieff and to th'eires males of his bodye lawfullie begotten and for default &c. to th'eires males of the bodye of me the seid Robt Tatton And where the seid Sr Edward ffytton standethe bound to me by wrytinge obligatorie in ffyve hundrethe poundę that he shall suffer everye of these psons whom I have admytted tenntę wthin the seid manors of Aldford and Alderley and whose names are menconed in a cedule to ether pte of a writinge of covennntę indentyd made betwene the seid Sr Edward on th'on ptie and my selfe on th'other ptie dated the xxxth daye of Maye in the thirde and fourth yeres of the

reignes of kinge Phillippe and queane Marie wherof the one pte remaynethe wth me amongę the rest of my evidencę quietlye to hold the landę and tenntę in the sayd cedule to theim graunted and demysed w^th^out ffyne or incume so that the same psons do dulie paie theire rentę &c. unto the seid Sr Edward his heires or assignes my will is that if the seid Sr Edward his heires &c. shall at any tyme after my deceasse expulse or evicte any of the same psons from theire queet possessions of the seid landę and tenntę that then my executors &c. shall immedyatlye uppon suche expulsion therof comence sute againste the seid Sr Edward his heires &c. by all and evye wayes and meanes as by learned counsell shalbe demysed and that the same sute to be followed w^th^out any delatorie meanes of my seid executors uppon [their] costę and charges and they to take allouance of the sum of money to be recoved and the rest of the same sum or penaltie of fyve hundrethe poundę beinge recoved my will is to be devyded in manl followinge that is to sey the one halfe to suche of my executors as shall ffollowe the sute and th'other half to be bestowed in workes of mlcye and to the poore and nedye and also recompence to suche as shalbe expulsed or putt forthe of their seid ffermes or tenntę Itm wheras Anne Mason my base sister hathe hitherto of my gifte a chamber wherin she now dwellethe at the psonage of Northerden wth a baye of housinge to laye her fuell and fyrewood in and also a lytle garden on the backe syde of the same w^th^out rent painge therfore I desire my said sonn Wiltm to make to my seid sister the like graunt and my wieff to fynde her as hetherto she and I have don duringe her leffe bothe wth meat drinke and clothe and if she survive my seid wieff then I do geve and bequethe to her to fynde her uppon duringe her lieff the closse of land called Langelye pcell of my seid demeane of W^th^inshawe w^th^out rent payinge therfore after the seid sum of foure hundrethe mlkes be levyed uppon the seid closse and other my demeane land of W^th^inshaw before appoynted for the paym^t^ of the seid marriage money of my said doughter Dorothe unlesse my sonn

Wiłłm will find her my sister as heretofore I have don Whereas I bought of my unckle Robt Bothe of Tabley gent a tente and burgage in Altrincham wt th'apprtennce in the countie of Chester now in the tenure and occupacon of Wiłłm Chorlton and late in the holdinge of John Walker deceassed of the yerely rent of viijs iiijd I do geve &c. the seid tente and burgage wth all dedes and writinge therunto belonginge to Robt Tatton on of my yonger sonnes to have &c. the same after my deceasse to him the seid Robt the sonne and his heires for ev wth all lande therunto belonginge Also it is my will full mynd and intent that suche pson or psons to whom I have graunted or hereafter shall graunt any pte of my lande &c. wthin the counties of Chester and fflynte under my hande and seale shall quietly holde and occupie the same wthout expulsion evicccon lett or troble of my heires yeldinge theire rente sute &c. expressed in the seid grante I geve &c. to my seid sonn Wiłłm Tatton the jewelle plates goode and cattalle hereafter pticulerly expressed to th'entent the same maye continew and remayne as heire lomes ffrom on heire to another that shall by Gode pmission inheritt my seid manors and lande and uppon condiccons that my seid sonn Wiłłm doe obeye unto observe and fulfill this my testament and last will That is to seye my cheyne of gold my signet of gold my seale of armes ingraven in silver my best salt of silver wth a cover of the same all gilte a drinkinge pott of silver wth a cover of the same all gilte the best dosen of silver sponnes and a gilte sponne of silver geven to be and remayne as an heire lome at Wthinshawe by my late servant and bailiffe John Jannye of Northerden deceassed my chest of ireron and the longe coffer wth lockes and kayes belonginge standinge in my comptinge howsse and all my harnes and weaponns wth other munyccons for the warres also the furneyes of leade and the greatt brasse pott adioyninge to the same furneyes standinge in the brewhowsse a peyre of longe rackes of ireron two of the gretest broches the greatest chaffer of copper a great morter of brasse and the cestren of leade in

the kylne provided alwayes that before the sayd jewellę plate goodę and cattallę be to him delyv̄ed or by him possessed and also before my evidencę writingę &c. concerninge my seid manors landę &c. that then he or they that shall so receyve and enioye the seid jewellę and evidencę shalbe first bounden by writinge obligatorie in the som̄ of fyve hundrethe pounde to my executors that my seid sonn Willm Tatton shall stand to observe this my last will and testament and if my seid sonn̄ Willm refuse to fulfill this my p̄sent testament or lett and hinder my executors then I doe geve will &c. all suche of my manors messuagę landę tentę &c. wch I have purchased since the covenantę of mariage made between me the seid Robt Tatton and the seid Sr Edward ffytton knight to Robt sonn and heire apparant of the said Willm Tatton and to th'eires males of the bodye of the seid Robt lawfullye begotten apon suche like condicc̄ons &c. as are contayned in the seid peyre of indentures tryptite dated 2 Nov. 10 Eliz. made betwene me the seid Robt on the first ptie and the seid Willm Bothe esqr on the second ptie and the seid Willm Massie esquire on the thride pte provyded alwayes that duringe the tyme that my seid wieff be mynded to habyde and inhabyte at my seid manor howsse of Wthinshawe she to have and occupie at her will and pleasure the said furnes of leade the great brasse pott adioyninge to the same furneys and the cestren of leade in the kilne at all tyme and tymes as she shall have nede therof wthout lett or contradycc̄on of any pson or psonę And wheare I have by my sev̄all dedes geven and graunted to ev̄ye of my yonger sonnes landę and tentę duringe theire lyves under my hand and seale and the same fullye executed before wittnes lyvinge and beinge wthin the coumties of Chester and fflynt my will and full mynd is that the same my gyftes and grauntę to theym geven shall stand to theym in full satisfaccc̄on of theire childes pties and porcc̄ons My will is that my waytinge servauntę wth my butler cooke and howsek ..... ev̄ye of theym to have a blacke .... at my buriall and a whole quarters wages besides the wages to theym

due at the daye of my deceasse the rest of all my servnntę as well women as men to have a quarters wages besides the wages due unto theym The rest of all my goodę and catallę unbequethed my funerall expences and my debtes trulye and justleye payed I geve to my wyffe towardę the better maynten^a^nce of hospitallitie and to do for my seid doughter Dorothe in waye of her better ꝑferm^t^ in marriage or otherwayes lyvinge sole in honest name and fame And fynellye for faithefull hope trust and confidenes I have alwayes found in my seid wieff[1] and for the truste I have reposed in my derely beloved ffrend Rodger Puleston of Emrall in the countie of Flynt and Rondulphe Davenport of Henburie in the countie of Chester esquires and also in my trustie servante Owen Barton gent I do ordeyne make and constitute theym my executors for the trew ꝑformance and fulfillinge of this my last will and testament and for theire paynes and travell therin to be taken I geve to eꝟye of theym a blacke gowne or clocke and fyve m)kes a pece to eꝟye of theym in gold And I shall most hartely desire the Right Worshippfull S^r^ Wiłłm Bothe knight to be overseer of this my seid will and testament forasmoche as he standethe so nere in blode to my seid wieff and my children and for his paynes I will him a blacke gowne or clocke and my beste geldinge for a token of remembrance And in wittnes &c. I have hereunto putt my seale and subscribed to the same wth my owne hand the tenthe daye of December in the twentethe and on yere of the reigne of o^r^ soꝟraigne Elizabeth by the grace &c. 1578 Theis beinge witnesses at the sealinge of this ꝑnt will Homfrey Birron clerke ꝑson of Chedill John Barret clerke ꝑson of Northerden Thomas Asheton Andrewe Bouthe.

An inventorie of the late goodę and cattallę of Robt Tatton esquyer who deceassed the xviij daie of June an^o^ regni Elizabeth reginæ &c. xxj et an^o^ Dñi 1579 vewed and apraysed the last daie of

[1] Buried 3rd June, 1608.

June in the yere aforeseid by Humffray Davenport gent Reynald Kelsall James Hardinge Robt Knevett Henry Goodeare wth others.

Plate and furnyture for ye buttrye Inprmis a cheyne of gould of ye valew of l^{li} Itm two ringge or signette of gould valewed iij^{li} vj^{s} $viij^{d}$ Itm two sylver bowles all gilt wth one cover of the same xij^{li} Itm one drinking pott of sylv all gilt w^{t} a cov of the same iij^{li} Itm a salt of silver w^{t} a cov all gilt $viij^{s}$ Itm ij other salte of silver all gilt xx^{s} Itm iij dosen of sylv spones w^{t} one great spone duble gilt $xiij^{li}$ vj^{s} $viij^{d}$ Itm v bassens and v yeawers on pewt wth iij other washynge basens $xxiiij^{s}$ Itm iiij pewter cannes vj^{s} $viij^{d}$ Itm vj great voyders $xiij^{s}$ $iiij^{d}$ Itm a dosen of trencher plates vj^{s} Itm xxviij candlestick wherof iiij are of pewt and ye rest of brasse $xxviij^{s}$ Itm in pewt saltsers drynkyng potte glasses trenshers cannes ij ketles of lead to wasshe cuppes in and other nessaries for the buttry $xiij^{s}$ $iiij^{d}$ Itm barrills hogsheds stande troughes and other imploymte belongyng to ye sellor $iiij^{li}$ ffurnytur for the kytchin Itm xvj brasse potte a chaffer of brasse v brasse ladles and iij skyms vj^{li} x^{s} Itm vj kytchin knyves and iij chaffeing dishes v^{s} Itm ij brasse morters wth pestels $xiij^{s}$ $iiij^{d}$ Itm iij dripping pannes of irene and ij frying pannes vj^{s} $viiij^{d}$ Itm iij peire of golbards v peire of potte hookes six rackes a beyrer of iron two peire of tongues and a fyre shovell xx^{s} Itm viij broches ffyve grydde irons three brendrette a fleshe axe and a grater $xxij^{s}$ vj^{d} Itm sixtene dossen of pewter disshes and soucers vj^{li} vj^{s} $viij^{d}$ Itm tymber vessels belongyn to ye larder house xx^{s} Deahouse Itm belongyng to ye deahouse xij brasse pannes vij skellette two ladles and a scomer $iiij^{li}$ Itm a vessell of lead esshyns stande and oys tymber ware $xlvj^{s}$ $viij^{d}$ Brewe house and backe house Itm six great vessels of tymber called keares wth other ffurnyture for the brewehouse and backehouse iij^{li} vj^{s} $viij^{d}$ Storehouse Itm two diapre table clothes one dossen and halfe of diap napkyns two diaper towels and two diaper cubbourd cloathes $xxvj^{s}$ $viij^{d}$ Itm xxxv table clouthes xlij towels xxv dosen table napkyns xxij cupbourd clouthes valewed

att xvj^{li} x^{s} viij^{d} Item in lynnen yorne xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Item in wolle valewed xl. Item chestes tables and other necessaries remayning in the stoore house xxvj^{s} viij^{d} Item carpette and xiij wrought pyllowes or cusshons as cheifest for parlers and chambers wth the tables formes and cupboards lying in ye dyning plour x^{li}—ffurnytur for beding Item xjx^{ne} ffetherbedde xxxv boulsters xxxij matresis pyllowes xxvj pyllowe beares xxj peire blankette liiij coverlette lxxvij bed coving x^{ne} sheites foure score and xviij peire in the whole valewed to Cxj^{li} iiij^{d} Item bedstocke curtens testernes hengynge wendow cushions carpette for wyndowes cheares stooles and cusshyons coiffers chests and cupboards wth other necessaries for chambers xxv^{li} x^{s} Horses Item a stoned horse v geldinge ij mares and a little nagge two coultes of three yeres ould ye one stoned two coults of two yeres ould and one of one yere ould valewed at xlij^{li} Item jx woork horses and mares with two yong coulte xviij^{li} Oxen kyne and oy) cattell Item jx yocke of draught oxen valewed liiij^{li} Item xlj kyne and two bulles valewed lxjx^{li} Item ij fatt beiste vj oxen one bulle and xxvij kyne valewed lxxiiij^{li} Item iiij steares of thre yeres old vj^{li} iij^{s} iiij^{d} Item xxv yong beaste of two yeres old xxv^{li} Item xxv yong beaste of one yere old xv^{li} Item xxx waynelyng calves valewed vij^{li} xv^{s} Item xxxiiij shepe valewed v^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Item lv swyne of all sortes valewed xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Item pullen valewed xx^{s} Stable Item xj sadles and oy) furnytur in ye stable xl^{s} Item a kylne of bricke xx^{li} Husbandry ware Item waynes cartes plowes harrowes yokes axes bils agures and all oy) necessaries and impleym^{t}e belongyng to husbandrie xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Corn in ye garn) Item malt and oy) corn in ye garn) xx^{li} Corn growng in ye dameyns Item wheat beannes barlie and oy) corne sowen and growng wthin ye demeynes lx^{li} jx^{s} iiij^{d} Sm to^{lis} 754^{li} 8^{s} 6^{d}.

THE WILL OF EDMUND PRESTWICH OF HULME, ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. the nine and twentythe day of May in the yeare of oure Lord God 1598 I Edmund Prestwich of Hulme in the county of Lancaster Esquire beinge sicke in body but of good and pfect remembrance &c. do make this my last will &c. ffirst and principallie I commend my soule &c. And my body to be buryed in the Collegiat Church of Manchester in my ffunerall place there And as touchinge all and singular my manors mesuage landę &c. whatsoever w^th^in the sayde counties of Lancaster and Lyncolne I give and devise [the same] unto Edmund P. my sonne and heire apparant and to the heirs males of his body lawfully to be begotten And for defaulte of such issue and I give &c. the remaȳder therof to Rauffe P. my second sonne and to the heirs males &c. And for defaulte &c. to Ellize P. my thyrd sonne and to the heires &c. And for defaulte &c. to John P. my fourth sonne and to the heires &c. And for defaulte &c. to Thomas Prestwich my ffifth sonne and to the heires &c. And for default &c. the remaynder therof to the right heires of me the sayd Edmund P. the father for ever And provided nevertheles that Margret P. now my wief shall have and

[1] Proved 15th July 1598. Edmund Prestwich of Hulme Esq. (buried at the Collegiate Church 15th June, 1598) had issue Edmund his son and heir baptized 1577; Ralph baptized 1580; Ellis baptized 1581; John baptized 1588; Thomas; Ellen wife of Leonard Ashall of Shawe Esq., and was buried at Flixton in 1596; Isabel baptized 1583, wife of Arthur Dee M.D., son of John Dee Warden of Manchester; Ellen baptized 1584-5, married to Adam Byrom of Salford Esq.; and three other daughters. Edmund Prestwich, the eldest son, married Margaret daughter of Edward younger son of Sir Urian Brereton of Honford Knt., and had issue John Prestwich Fellow of All Souls Oxford died 30th July 1679, and an elder son Thomas created a Baronet in 1644. The family was ruined by their exertions as royalists, and the property passed by sale in 1660 to the Mosley family. See *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part i. p. 68.

enioy (for and duringe her naturall liffe) the third ꝑte of all my sayd manors &c. &c. accordinge to the laws of this realme &c. And further as touchinge all my sayd goodꝭ cattellꝭ &c. yt ys my will that my dettꝭ yf there be anye and my ffunerall charges shall be payd and taken up of my wholl goodꝭ And all the rest of my said goodꝭ shall be devided into three equall ꝑtꝭ wherof one ꝑte I doe give &c. unto Margaret P. now my wief The seacond ꝑte I doe give &c. to be devided equally amongst all my children (except Edmund P. my sonne and heire) And the third and last I doe reserve to my selfe to be bestowed in legacies as herafter I shall limytt and appoynt I doe give &c. unto Edmund P. my sonne and heire my cheyne of gould and all the glasse in every wyndow in the hall ꝑlars and chambers belonging to Hulme Hall and also all the waynscott and seelinge standinge in every place of the sayd hall chambers and ꝑlars uppon condicc̃on that hee doe allowe such leases as I shall make unto my yonger sonnes only for one and twenty years of certen mesuages &c. uppon every of wch leases ther shall be yearly reserved to me and my heirꝭ the owld and accustomed yearely rentꝭ And so also that my sayd sonne Edmund P. do likewise allowe and approve such anuytie as I shall make to every of my sayd yonger sonnes only for the terme of life of such sonnes out of my sayd manors lands &c. so that every of the sayd anuyities severally do not exceede the sōme of ffower powndꝭ yearly for every one of them. And all the rest of my ꝑte of goodꝭ I do give &c. to be equally devided betwixt my two yonger doughters Isabell and Ellyne P. towardꝭ their better aovancement and preferment in marriage Also yt ys my will that yf any of my saide children doe depte this life before they shall have receivede ther porcc̃on of goodes then that his or her ꝑte shall be devided equally amongst the survivors of them Also yt ys my will that Margaret my wife shall have the tuicc̃on rule and government of all my children and theire severall porcc̃ons of goodꝭ untill they shall severally accomplish the

age of twentye and one yeares or come to marriage whether yt shall please God sooner to happen I doe constitute &c. Margaret my wyf sole executrix and I doe desire my lovinge brother Mr Edward Brereton my sonn in lawe Leonard Ashall gent. and my brother in law Robt Leigh to be overseers &c. And all former wills heretofore by mee made I doe utterly renownce In wittnes &c. in the presantę of theis persons Thomas Smyth Jhon Greeneall Thomas Wyld Lobert Leigh.

The inventory is very long, and amounts to £754 5s. 8d.

THE WILL OF JOHN TALBOT OF SALESBURY, ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. I John Talbot of Salisbury wtin the countie of Lancastr esquier somethyng disseased in my bodye but hoole of mynde &c. &c. make and orden thys my psent testamēte &c. ffirst I comende my soule to Almyghty God and to all the holy cōpanye of heaven and my bodye to be buryed wtin the pisshe churche at Blakeburne in the chapell on the southesyde of the churche thear And I geve and bequethe unto Sr Rychard Hoghton knyght my best gowne to th'entente to be supvisor of thys my last will and see the same pformed I geve &c. unto my son in law

[1] No date of probate. The testator, descended from a younger son of Talbot of Bashall, married first Anne, daughter of Hugh Sherburne Esq. of Stonyhurst, and secondly Anne, daughter of Richard Banastre of Altham. By his first wife he had issue John Talbot his son and heir; Anne, who married . . . . Hothersall of Hothersall; Isabel, wife of Wilfrid Banister of Stainton; and several other children.—*Suffield MSS.* His descendant, John Talbot of Salesbury Esq., buried at Blackburn 11th October 1677, left an only daughter and heiress Dorothy, who married Edward Warren of Poynton Esq., ancestor of George Warren Lord de Tabley, the manerial owner of Salesbury and Dinkley.

Wilfride Banester my regalle[1] and my virgynalle I geve unto Anne my wiffe all suche leases and tackes as I have of Sr Thomas Talbot knyght of certen tithes as in the said lease it dothe appere and also of Thomas Heskett esquier of certen closes and landes lieng to the manor howse of Dynkeley Moreover all suche tackes and bargaynes as my brother William Talbot hath grannted and made unto me of the manor howse of Dynkeley (which he maketh clame and title to by the gyfte of his father and myne) wt all landes medowes &c. to the same belongyng I geve &c. holly unto Anne my said wiffe And in case hys gyft be pved voide and of none effecte then I wyll that all suche goodes and somes of money as I have contented and payd unto my said brother and hys assignes by the order and awarde of Sr John Atherton knyght my brother Edmund Hopwodde esquier for the pmysses be contented and payd agayne unto my sayd wyffe and her assignes to th'use and pfitt of her and my chyldren Item I wyll that all suche dette and deuties as I owe of ryght or of conscience to any pson be well and truly contented and payd by myne execut hereafter named And after my dette payd and my funerall expenses pformed I geve &c. all my pte of goodes dette &c. whear so ever theye can be founde unto Anne my sayd wiffe And of thys my laste wyll I orden and make Anne my said wiffe my executrix and Sr Richard [Hoghton] knyght above said supvisor Wrytten the xxviijth day of Auguste in the fyfte yeare of the reigne of oure sovaigne lorde Kyng Edward the sixt by the grace &c. These beyng witnesses p me Ranulphū Lynney[2] Vicariū de Blakburn p me Ricardū Morsten capellanū p me Edmundū Bolton capellanū p me William . . . . . Adam Bolton cū aliis.

[1] *Regals*, a small and portable musical instrument, with pipes and bellows like an organ. There was until lately an officer in the Royal Chapel at St. James's called "Tuner of the Regals," with a salary of £56. — Halliwell.

[2] At Bishop Bird's visitation in 1547, the clergy who answered the call at Blackburn were Dns Ranulphus Lynney, Vicar of Blackburn (omitted in Baines's *Catalogue of Vicars*), Dns Edmundus Bolton, Dns Willus Rysheton. — *Liber Visit. in Cur. Cestr. Rev. John Piccope's MSS.*

THE WILL OF RANDULPHE DOD OF EDGE, ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. The xjth daie of Maie 1576 I Randulphe Dod of Edge in the countie of Chester esquire doe make my laste will and testament in maner and forme followinge that is to saie I give and bequeath unto Urian Dod my sonne all my landę in this realme of England and to his heires male of his bodie lawfullie begotten and for wante of heires male of his bodie &c. to Bartelem Dod my brother accordinge to a graunte by me made upon this condicon (that is to saie) my full mynde is and I doe give unto Elizabeth D. my welbeloved wief all that my capitall howse of Edge where I nowe dwell with all landę woodę milnes and waters to the same belonginge nowe in my owne occupacon for her naturall lief and after her death to remayne to my sonne as aforesaid I give to my said wief all the wrytingę that I have from Willm Golburne of Orton for th'insuringe of John Golburne my sonne in lawe wth all profitę to mee due by the same towardę his bringinge uppe I doe make my said wief my true and lawfull assignee in this behalf My will is that if it please God to take my sonne Urian out of this world not leavinge issue male behinde him wherby my land doth descend to my brothers or anie other pson that then suche pson as hath the same shall paie unto my seaven daughters seaven hundred

[1] Proved 7th June 1577. The testator married Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Thomas Horton of Toternhoe co. Bedford, by whom he had Urian his son and heir, who died without issue (see his will p. 30 *supra*); Anne, wife of Hugh Massey of Broxton gent.; Jane, wife of ..... Wren co. Kent; Margaret, married in 1581 to her cousin Randle Dod gent.; Elizabeth, married in 1584 Ralph Yeardley of Caldecote; Katherine, wife of John Goldbourne of Overton; Alice and Mary.—Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 374. That pedigree makes him to marry secondly Anne, daughter of Randle Brereton of Malpas. This, however, is an error, as his widow Elizabeth Dod's will, dated 17th October 1581, proves.

pownde I give unto Urian D. my said sonne my lande wch I bought in Stonbridge wch John Honer my tenante doth occupie I give unto my saide sonne my cheyne of golde one signett ringe my best salt one dosen of silver spoones all my seelinge glasse tables and bedstocke in my howse at Edge all my harnesse in the same howse all my apparell as well at London as els where all wch seelinge glasse tables and bedstoke salte and silv̄ spoones my wief [shall] have the use and occupac̄on of them duringe her lief and then to remayne to my saide sonne I give to my wief the howse wherin David Johnson dwelleth I give unto Hughe Massie my sonne in lawe one younge geldinge wch I haue given him alreadie and the same is at his fathers howse at Broxton and two steares or bullocke I give unto John Golburne my sonne in lawe one younge geldinge wch I have given him alreadie and the same is at myne owne keepinge at Edge also two steares or younge bullocke I give unto Bartholemewe Dod my brother all the harnesse that hee hath of myne in his keepinge at London And for all the reste of my goode cattalle leases croppes of wood on my demeane ground nowe growinge &c. I give the same unto Elizabeth D. my lovinge wief and to Urian D. my sonne to this ende that they shall paie unto my fyve daughters as yet not preferred in mariage the somme of fyve hundreth markes that is to saie unto Marie D. my daughter one hundreth markes to Jane D. my daughter one hundreth markes unto Margaret D. my daughter one hundreth marke unto Alice D. my daughter one hundreth marke and unto Elizabeth D. my daughter one hundreth marke And for the true executinge of this my last will I doe make my executors Elizabeth D. my welbeloved wief and Urian D. my sonne And overseers of the same the right worshipfull Sr Hughe Cholmondley knighte and David D. my brother Witnesses of this testament Thomas Pixley Bartholemewe Candland.

THE WILL OF JOHN LECHE OF CARDEN CO. CEST. ESQ.[1]

IN Dei nomine amen The xvij daye of Maye in the yere of o^r Lorde God 1552 I John Leche of Carden w^th^in ye conttye of Chester, beynge in good mȳde &c. do make my laste wyll &c. ffyrste I bequeth my solle to Almyghtie God to be ass[ociated] w^t ye blessyd compayne of electe sañcttę in heven trustyng ffaythfully therof through o^r Savior Christe Jesus and my body to be buryed in y^e ꝑreche churche of Tilstone yf I dep̄te at my howsse in ye said ꝑreche and yf so be y^t I dep̄te at anye other place then to be buryed in ye same ꝑreche church or yorde where I shall so dep̄te accordyng as a Christian ought to be I wyll y^t Anne nowe my wyff shall have her joynter of all my landę durynge her lyff naturall and also to have durynge her pure wyddohood and one yere next insueing after all y^t my howsse in wch I inhabite and dwell w^t all landę belongynge to ye same accordynge to a dede y^t I have made to Willm Hill clarke Thomas Wilbram Rychard Wilbram George Leche William Leche George Dorman and John Gratewood wch dede bayreth date ye iiij daye of Januarye in ye xxvij^th^ yere of ye rainge of o^r late sovange lord Kyng Henre the viij^th^ And I gyve to ye sayd Anne my wyffe ye howsse at Henshawe in wch Robart Kerrye dwelleth w^t ye grond &c. duryng ye tyme of her wyddohood I gyve to John Leche sone to my brother Henre all my other landę and also ye landę aforsayd after [the] state be voyde y^t my wyff hath in ye same to the sayd

[1] Proved July 30th, 1552. John Leche, son and heir of John Leche of Carden Esq. by Margaret, daughter and heiress of George Mainwaring of Ightfield, married Agnes, daughter and coheiress of George Dorman of Malpas, by whom he had no issue. At his death the estate passed to his nephew John Leche, and is now the property of his descendant John Hurleston Leche Esq. of Carden. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 385.

John and to ye heyris male of his bodye lawfullye begotten for ev̄ he payinge yerelye unto my brother Henre his father twenttye shyllynge durynge ye naturall lyffe of Anne my wyff yf my sayd brother so longe do lyve and yf he fortune to ov̄lyve my sayd wyff then ye sayd John and his heyris to paye yerelye unto his sayd ffather ffoure pounde tenne shillynge durynge all ye tyme of his naturall lyffe and also ꝑmyttynge his sayd father to haue ye tenement in wch he dwellethe w^t ye grond and pertaynance w^thout payenge any rent therfore Where I holde by indenture of ye grante of Sir Ryc̄ Maynwaringe knyght certeyne lande in ye lordshipe of Streytton w^thin ye conttye of Chester wch indenture beyreth date ye xvj^th daye of November 1537 (for ye terme of lxxxij yeris next insuenge ye sayd date) all my wch indenture (and ferme) I have assigned to Sir Rowland Hill knyght Sir Hugh Chomley knyght and Wiłłm Botley of Hoore gent. wch writyng beyreth date ye xij^th daye of October 1547 in wch writynge is a ꝑviso y^t yf Anne my wyffe do dysseace before th'ende of yearis w^tin ye forsayd indenture mencionyd y^t then after one howlle yere (and ye costome) next followynge ye dysseze and death of ye sayd Anne ye sayd gifte of assignement to be voyde and ye forsayd resedue of yeris then unexpired to reymaynge and goe to hym or them as I shuld apoynte by my laste wyll and testament (for I made ye sayd writynge to ye intent my wyff shuld be assured of ye sayd ferme durynge her naturall lyff) Wherffore ye resedue of yeris unexpired af^t the dethe of Anne my wyffe I gyve to my cossens James Hill and Henre Leche w^t all y^e ꝑphette therof to this intent y^t they shall resigne and assigne ye same to John Leche (sone to my brother Henre) yf so be y^t he at ye demand of ye sayd James and Henre putte in sufficient shewertties to be bond in ye some of a hundert pounde to ꝑforme these condissions ffollowynge ffyrste y^t he make all suche assurances at ye ov̄sight of Anne my wyffe my brother William Leche my cossen James Hill my brother Henre Leche that no ꝑte of my lande nor ye sayd ferme shall nev̄ be sold

nor sett but to use all ye same (as I have done in my lyffe tyme) to his owne ꝑper use and ye heyris male of his bodye lawfullye begotten Seconderlye y^t he shalbe orderid and appowntyd what honeste woman he shall take to wyff by ye sayd Anne William James Henre or three of them and of ye mariage monye y^t he shall have w^t ye sayd woman to paye towardꝗ ye mariagꝗ of Margerye and Jane sisters to ye sayd John twenttye m̃kꝗ Thrydlye y^t he shall paye unto ye sayd James and Henre (and they to paye hit to ye use hereafṽ specified) twenttye and twoo m̃kꝗ w^tin three yeris next insuenge ye death of Anne my wyff and yf ye sayd John refuce to ꝑforme ye sayd condissions then the sayd James and Henre to assigne ye indenture (and ferme) to whom my executorꝗ shall appowntte I gyve &c. unto Anne my wyff all my instuffe or howssold stuffe (excepte a fetherbed a bolster a covenge to a bed a longe meate bord a nother syde bord w^t ye tressellꝗ to ye same ij coffers wch were my fathers and lafte unto me in ye name of herlomes (and a nother coffer wch I will gyve) the wch I will shall remaynge to John Leche my heyre aforsayd also my wayne cartꝗ ploghes harrowes w^t all other suche husbandrie stuffe therunto belongyng as cheynes &c. I gyve &c. to evi child of my bretherne and sisters naturall (havynge no other thynge appowntyd to them by this my testament) tenne shillyngꝗ To Anne Leche (doghṽ to my brother Robart dyss[eased] ffyve pondꝗ to her mariage To Anne Leche (doghṽ to my unckell Roba[rt] dysseazed) fforttye shillyngꝗ to her mariage I gyve to Alice Caltrot my servante fforttye shillyngꝗ to her mariage To Jane and Alice doghtr̃s to my brother William Leche fforttye shillyngꝗ to ether of them to theyre mariages I gyve to Anne Carver my servante wenche twenttye shillyngꝗ to her mariage To Katheryne Crue and to Anne Yardley my servanttꝗ to ether of them tenne shillyngꝗ to theyre mariages To my cossen James Hill fforttye shillyngꝗ To Roger sone to ye sayd James Hill a fillye mare To Anne Hill sester to ye sayd Roger a kowe To my cossen James

Leche fforttye shillynge towarde ye ffyndynge of hym at larnynge I gyve to my cossen Henre Leche (sone to my brother William) fforttye shillynge To John Carden my servante a twelmonth old calfe To Rondull Crue and Thomas Crue of Farntone [Farndon] to ether of theme ffoure shillynge To Anne Highenhed my servante yf she dwell wt me at ye tyme of my dethe three shillynge and foure pence I gyve to evi of my howssold servantte (not before namyd) three shillynge and foure pence I gyve to pore folke my neyghbore (yt have no corne of theyre owne) to be bestowyd amongeste them in corne and malte at ye dyscressyon of my executre fforttye shillynge I gyve to Anne my wyff her nagge and ye grey maris colte To evi of my god childer a lambe pvyded alwayis yt my herrodde wch I ought to paye be taken out my funerall dyscharged and debtte payd my wyff shall have halff of all my goode and cattelle (ov and besyde yt wch I have bequethed unto her) and the other halffe therof to be sold and goo to ye dyschargyng of ye bequeste before specified I will yt all my bequeste shalbe payd as sone as maybe after my dysseze that wch is bequethed to men of lawfull age to be payd to theyre owne hande and yt wch is bequethed to women (my wyff excepte) and to them und age to be putte to substanciall frende to goo forwarde to the pphet of the women (to theyre mariage) and childerne and the ffrends to be bonde for ye same bequeste accordyng to ye intent of this my testament pvyded always yt yf anye of the women to whome I haue bequethed anyethynge behave and use them selffes not lyke good women of theyre boddye that then ye shall have no pte of that wch I have to them bequethed but the same theyre porcions to goo to ye mariages of other my poore kynswomen yt use them selffes honestlye at ye descression of my executore Where I have before appowntyd xxij mlke to be payd by John Leche (sone to my brother Henre) to goo to ye use theraft specified I will yt they sayd John Leche shall have twenttye mlke therof yf yt he paye they xxtie mlke yt I have before

appowntyd to ye mariage of his ij sesters or elle to other my kynswomen (yf ye sayd sesters use not them selffes as good women of theyre bodye) at ye appowntment and dyscression of my executore And I make my executore my wellbelovyd wyff Anne my cossen James Hill my [nephew] Henre Leche (sone to my brother William) and my cossen William Leche (sone to my brother George dysseazed) to see ye same my will trulye executyd and pformyd as my especiall truste is in them and as they will answere at ye laste daye of the genrall resrection And the overseers I orden and make John Gratewood gent. and my brother William Leche In wytnesse &c.

These beynge wytnesses at ye nowe confermynge herof on ye xvij^th^ daye of July in ye yere aforsayd 1552 John Baggot Robart Good Genken Catterol.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM FOXE OF THE RHODES.[1]

IN the name &c. 7 Dec. 38 Eliz. I William ffox of Toxteth Parke w^th^in the countie of Lancaster gent beeinge as pleaseth God now visited wth sicknes &c. My will is that all my goodes and chattells &c. shalbe devyded into three equall ptes the first pte wherof I reserve unto myselfe for my funralls and to pforme such my legace and bequeste . . . . . herafter sett downe in these psente The seacond pte I give unto Margarett my wyffe and the third and

[1] Proved June 14, 1596. William, son and heir of John Foxe of the Rhodes gent., had issue John his son and heir, who married Dorothy, daughter of Richard Tipping of Manchester gent.; William; Thomas; Richard, at the Siege of Lathom; Anne, wife of John Bruen of Stapleford Esq.; and Margaret, who married Rev. William Hinde, Fellow of Queen's College, Oxford. See *Stanley Papers*, part ii. pp. 109–111.

last pte I give &c. unto all my children to bee equally devyded among them I give &c. unto the right ho^ble th'erle of Derbie my lord and M^r one peece of goulde in value xxx^s the wch I praie his good L^p to accept in good pte as a token of my good will I give unto my saied wyffe Margarett tow oxen fowre horses one silver salte gilte and one cypresse chest Unto John ffox my sonne v^s in gold my bay geldinge my chest wch is in my closett and other thinge therin my little pistoll my best muskett and head peece I give &c. unto my sonne Wiłłm ffox my best caliver wth head peece a great iron chest att Toxteth I give &c. unto Thomas ffox my sonne my little bay nagg Unto my sonne Richard ffox iij lambes I give &c. to my daughter Anne ffox one silver salte gilte I give &c. to my daughter Margarett ffox one other silver salte gilte I give &c. unto the wyffe of John ffox one silver salte gilte I give unto Wiłłm ffox sonne of the saied John ffox my signett of gold to bee kept for him by his saied father untill hee shall come to yeares of discrecõn I give unto Raph Seddon a calfe of halfe a yeare ould att Toxteth and to Marie his wyffe I give &c. one silver spoone I give &c. unto M^ris Tippinge[1] my best gould ringe To Mr Leigh parson of Standish I give three bookes viz. Bullinger his Decades Ursinus his Catechisme and my booke of ten sermons Unto Mr Langley pson of Prestwich I give &c. one crosbow I give &c. to Thomas Goodier my greate pistoll I give &c. unto Mr Gyles Brooke one muskett To Richard Hodgson one caliver Unto Myles Mather vj^s in gold I give unto Edward Aspinwall other six shillinge in gold and unto George Robinson I also give other vj^s in golde I give unto Mr Warren of Poynton one hownde and one other hownde I also give unto Mr Leigh of Baguley I give to Thomas Wilson one mett of barlie and to Wiłłm Marson one other mett of barlie and also unto Thomas ffleecher two mett of barlie To the wyfe of Richard Wal-

[1] Isabel, widow of Richard Tipping of Manchester gent. See his will, *Wills and Inventories*, portion ii. p. 149.

worth I give one mett of barlie and one mett of barlie malte and to evrie one of my howshold servantę I doe give &c. v^s of monney I give x mettę of barlie to bee distributed and equally divyded amongst xx^tie of the poorest people in Pilkington and therabowtę I give to Durningę wyffe halfe a mett of barlie and to Cockers wyffe one pecke of barlie My will is that Edmunde Tayler and Ellis ffogge tow of my servantę shalbee maynteyned and kept dueringe theire naturall lyves by my saied sonne John ffox and Margarett my saied wyffe they behavinge them selves as becommeth faithfull and dutifull servantę I give unto my said sonne John ffox all my whole interest and tytle of my ground late pcell of ye waste and common in Pilkington aforesaied called Whitefield Moore provyded allwaies that my saied wyffe Margarett shall have and enjoy the moietie or halfe pte therof dueringe her nrall lyffe And all the rest of my saied pte and porcon of goodes above resyted then remayninge over and beesydes my saied funallę and legacę above menconed descharged and donne I give &c. unto my three youngest children viz. Richard my sonne Anne and Margarett my daughters equallie amongst them And of this my psent testam^t and last will I doe ordeyne &c. John ffox my saied sonne and Margarett my saied wyffe my true &c. executors and to bee supvisors &c. my lovinge frendę Mr Leigh parson of Standish and the above named Raphe Seddon to see the same &c.

With this will are two inventories, the first "Inventorie of all &c. of William ffoxe of the Rhodes in Pilkington at his howse in Pilkington." The amount £295 8s. 10d. The second "Inventorie of all &c. at his howse at Toxtethe &c." The amount £127 2s. 9d.

THE WILL OF RICHARD HUNT OF MANCHESTER, GENT.[1]

IN the name &c. 6 Decr 1587 I Ric̃ Hunt of Manch^r gent. beinge sick in bodie but of good and ꝑfect remembrance &c. do make this my last will &c. ffirst and principallie I com̃end &c. and my bodie to be buried amongs my frendꝭ in the ꝑishe church of Manch^r where hit shall please God to dispose hit Also hit is my will that my debtꝭ be paid of my whole goodꝭ and that the residue of all my goodꝭ be devided into two equall ꝑtꝭ the one ꝑte whereof I do reserve to my self the other equall ꝑte I do geve to my younger children viz. Ric̃ H. George H. Edmond H. Wm H. M^ꝰgaret H. Dorothie H. and Ellin H. to be equallie devided amongꝭ them and if eny of them die before they haue received their porc̃ons of goodꝭ hit is my will that his or her porcion shalbe equallie devided amongꝭ the survivors of them And after my fun̄all charges discharged I bequeath all the residue of my ꝑte of goodꝭ to bee equallie devided emonge my saide younger children Ric̃ &c. And whereas I haue made an estate of all my messuages landꝭ &c. in Manchester Salfford the ꝑishe of Ashton underlyne or els where w^th^in the realme of England excepte onelie of the tollboothe the toll and stallages of Manchester to certeyne ffeoffies to dyvers uses for terme of my liffe and after my deceasse have appointed the third ꝑte of my said messuages &c. to John Hunte my sonne and heire apparent and to [his] heires males and haue also devised ij ꝑtꝭ of my saide messuages landꝭ &c. to bee devided to my saide ffeoffees to the use and for the

[1] Proved April 19, 1588. Richard, son and heir of Richard Hunt of Hunthall in Manchester, who made his will 26th March 1523 (prob. 25th December 1523 in Cur. prerog. apud London) and the head of one of the oldest and wealthiest of the Manchester families, his ancestor Robert le Hunte holding lands in Manchester and Ashton-under-Lyne 42 Edward III., and several members of the house being ecclesiastics. — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xiv. pp. 60–61.

vertuous bringinge upp and better ꝑferment in mariage of my saide younger children untill such tyme as the saide John Hunte my sonne and heire apparent shall accomplishe the age of xxxj yeares Nowe my executors shall haue the rule of all my saide children and of [their] landꝭ And I make executors of this my last will and testament my brother in lawe Edward Brereton Esquier and my father in law George Lathom gent and I doe desire my lovinge cosens Mr William Radcliffe the younger and John Marler to bee overseers In wittnes &c. in ꝑsence of us Robert Ratcliffe Gilbart Bybbye Thomas Goodier William Hunte Thomas Brownsworde.

THE WILL OF RALPH ALDERSEY OF GREAT ALDERSEY.[1]

IN Dei nomine amen The last of Februarie Año Dñi 1584 [1584-5] I Raphe Aldersey of Great Aldersey wtin the parish of Coddington being sick in bodie &c. To be buried in Christen burriall at Coddington I do assigne over such interest &c. in an indenture betwext Mr Aldersay of Spurstow and John Aldersay my father wch both are deceased bering date 6 July 18 Eliz. unto Margreat my wyffe wholly to bring up her chedrē and myne so long as she shall kepe her unmaried and if she shall mary thē to my three sonnes Hugh John and Robert To Hugh my eldest sonne my great pan and my great broche my grate and brandret and his mother to haue the use of thē duringe her widowhood To my sonne Robert two of my shepe such as shall be thought mete at the discretion of my executours The residue of all my goodꝭ my debtes being payed I geve the one halfe to my wyffe and the other halfe to be equally devided amongst my thre childrē My will is yt Anne Alexander shall be

[1] Proved 22nd of March 1584 [1584-5.]

and still haue house roume in the ould Kill so longe as she behaveth herselfe well towardꝭ [my] wyffe and so longe as my wyffe and she cā agre together I will my brother John my ffather Bickerton and my wyffe [be] my executours and Evane Rycrofte[1] our parson overseer I geve to my sonn John one ewe and one lambe over and besyd his childꝭ part of goodꝭ Yt this is my will and nothing but my will these are witnesses and yt I haue put my hand &c. in the presentꝭ of Robert Aldersay Kathrene Manyfoulds Henrye Salisbury wth others.

THE WILL OF THOMAS PARRE OF PARRE, ESQ.[2]

IN the name of the Father the Sone and the Holye Gost amen The xvth day of September in the yeare of our Lord God a thousand fyve hundreth fyftye and eight I Thōms Parre of Parre wthin the county of Lancaster Esquyer doe make my last will and testemt &c. That is to saye fyrst I gyve and bequethe my saule into the handꝭ of Almygtye God our ladye Sanct Marye and all the holye company of sanctꝭ in heavē and my bodye to the x̄tien buryall within the parisshe churche of Prescott Allsoe it is my mynd and will that at after my decease my dettꝭ be contented and paydd upon all my holle goodꝭ accordyng to the custome of the cuntreye And that done it is my will that all my goodꝭ be equallye devydit into three equall partꝭ and therof I gyve one part to my wife Margarett Parre another part therof I gyve &c. to my chyldren Bryan P. Henre P. Thōms P. Margarett P. Anne P. Jane P. Katheryn P.

[1] Evan Rycroft, rector of Coddington, omitted in Ormerod's list of rectors, was succeeded at Coddington by his son Thomas Rycroft in 1612. — From the Registry, Chester.

[2] No date of probate.

Grace P. Elysabeth P. and to suche other chyld or chyldren as it shall please God me to haue by my said wife equally to be devydyt amongest them and the thrydde part I gyve &c. towardꝭ my buryall and other funerall expencꝭ and legases hereafter gyvē in this my present last will and testamt and the resydue &c. I gyve to my doughters equally to be devydit amongest them Allso I gyve &c. to my said doughters Margrett Anne Jane Katheryn Grace Elysabethe and suche other doughter or doughters as it shall please God me to haue by my wife these certayne of my manowrs meases landꝭ &c. lying in Parre Sutton and Wyndyll wthin the county of Lancaster of the clere yerely value of fyve poundꝭ over all charges untyll suche tyme that they the said Margarett &c. and every of them shall haue receyved twentye poundꝭ a peace towardꝭ theyre helpe succour mariage and preferm̄t I gyve &c. to my said yonger sonēs Bryan P. Henre P. Thōms P. and to such other sonē or sonēs as I may haue by my said wife the same my manor meases landꝭ &c. in Parre Sutton and Wyndyll aforesaid of the clere yerely value of fyve poundꝭ over all charges to haue and peaceably to enioye after immedyatlye that the said Margarett Anne Jane Catheryn Grace Elysabethe and suche other doughter or doughters as is aforesaid haue receyved theyre twentye poundꝭ a peace untyll suche tyme that they the said Bryan Henre Thomas and suche other sone or sonēs as is aforesaid shall haue hadde tenne poundꝭ a peace towardꝭ theyre helpe succour &c. And moreover it is my mynde and will that all my said doughters and sonēs shall receyve the said sōmes of money of and in these clausures and percels of landꝭ that is to saye of and in one clausure of landꝭ callid the Browde Medowe late in the tenure &c. of John Terbocke of the yerely rent of . . . . . after the ende of a ceytayne lease made by me the said Thomas to the said John Terbocke and of and in one other clausure of landꝭ sett lying &c. in Parre called Myculcroft medoe late in the tenure &c. of the said John Terbocke of the yerely rent of xxos twoe other clausures of

landꝭ in Parre in the tenure &c. of me the said Thoms P. callid the Oxefylde and Myculcroft fylde of the yerely rente or ferme of fyftene shelyngꝭ one water mylne in Parre in the holdyng of Elyn Tycle of the yerely rent of . . . . . iiij^{d} after the deathe of the said Elyn Tycle one mesuage or tenem^{t} in the holdyng &c. of Bryan Parre the younger in Parre of the yerely rent of xiij^{os} one clausure of landꝭ in Parre callid the Herre B. . . . . in the tenure &c. of the wife of Henre Forster of the yerely rent of sexe shelyngꝭ one clausure of landꝭ callid the quarter of the Mylne eyes in Parre in the holdyng of Thoms Lytherland of the yerely rent of fyve shelyngꝭ iiij^{d} the other quarter of the Mylne eyes in Parre in the holdynge of John Wakefeylde wheare of the rent is by yeare fyve shelyngꝭ iiij^{d} with all lyberteis comodyteis &c. I gyve &c. to all my said doughters aboue mentioned all suche somes of money as Thoms Eccleston Esquyer dothe oye and is indebtid unto me as apperethe by certayne oblygacions ther of made over and bysydꝭ the said xx^{ti} apeace and chyldꝭ part of godꝭ equallye to be devydytt amongest theym I gyve &c. to my suster Anne P. fowre poundꝭ Allsoe it is my mynde and will to haue a trentall of masses to be said at my parisshe churche of Prescott and theyre the prestꝭ to pray for my saule my fathers saule my mothers saule and all xpen saules and they to haue tenne shelyngꝭ for the same I gyve &c. tenne shelyngꝭ to be a stocke towardꝭ fyndynge of a preest at Sainct Elyns Chapell in Hardshae and to the mayntenance of Goddꝭ devyne ꝯvice therre for ever if the stocke goe forthwarde and that a preest doe service as is aforesaid Allsoe I orden and make Margarett my wife my cosyn Willyam Hollande gentylmā and my sone Thoms P. my true and lawfull executors to execute &c. havyng my right worshipfull brother in lawe Thoms Leylonde Esquyer supvisor hereof to see &c. In wittnes &c. these beynge witnes Thoms Leylonde Esquyer Henre Eccleston Willm Parre Edwarde Ley Bryan Martyne with other.

THOMAS PARRE.

THE WILL OF RICHARD OSBALDESTON OF SUNDERLAND CO. LANC., GENT.[1]

Iħus Maria.

IN the name &c. Primo die Aprilis Anno Dñi MCCCCCLVj Ac Ann: regnoꝝ Philippi et Marie &c. secundo et tercio I Rychard Osbaldeston of Sonderland in the countye of Lancastr gent byyng seke and wecke in my body and of hole pfete and good mynde and rememberans thankꝭ be to Gode knowyng that dethe ys to everye lyvyng thyng most comen the tyme beyng uncertayn therefore I do make and declare my laste wyll and testament in maħ and forme &c. ffurste I commytt my sawlle to Allmyghetye God my maker and redemr trustyng by hys grace and by the merytꝭ of Crystꝭ passyon and resurrecc̃on to by one of the nōber of those that shalbye saved and my body I bequethe to Crysten buryall in suche place where yt shall please Gode and my executors I gyff to Alyce Osboldeston my doughtr all my pte of my goodꝭ my funerall expenses and other legacies dyscharged I make Elynor my wyff and my brother Henry Osboldeston my executors for the pformance of thys my laste wyll &c. I gyff &c. vjs viijd to the reparation of the chapell where as my father dothe lye or els in some other place whereas the chyrche wardens shall thynke mytt and convenyent I gyffe &c. vjs viijd to by dystrybuted amonꝭ the poore there as ys moste nedfull and nesessarye Also I wyll that my executors shall dyscharge or save harmles John Tallbot of Salebury esquyer and

[1] No date of probate. Richard Osbaldeston, the first of the family seated at Sunderland co. Lanc., was a younger son of Sir Alexander Osbaldeston of Osbaldeston Knt. by his second wife Ellen, daughter of Thomas Tyldesley of Morleys Esq. He had issue Alexander Osbaldeston, his son and heir; 2, William; 3, Thomas; 4, Cuthbert; 5, Edward, father of Sir Richard Osbaldeston, recorder of Gray's Inn, ancestor of the Osbaldestons of Hunmanby co. York; and Alice, wife of ..... Winstanley of Winstanley. — *Suffield MSS.*

John Huddersall of one bonnde and oblygacion where they stand bonnde wt mye to Syr Ryč Hoghton knyght These byyng wetneses Henry Osboldeston Leonard Pylkyngton[1] master of arte of the Univsyte of Cambrygge and one of the ffelows off Sanct Jones Collegge Wylliam Hothersall Roger Sede wth other.

On the back of the will, which is the original, is the following: "Hec sunt debita quæ mychi debentur. Sr Ryč Hoghton for my goode wyll for the maryage of my cosyn Couthebert Clyffton xlli These beyng wytnes Wyłłm Hoghton Sr Ryč Godson pryste Wyłłm Syngleton."

THE WILL OF CHARLES MAINWARING OF CROXTON, GENT.[2]

IN the name &c. The xxxth daie of Decembre in ye yeare of our Lord God 1586 and in ye xxjxth yeare of ye raigne of our soveigne ladie Queene Elizabethe &c. I Charles Manwayringe of Croxton in ye countie of Chester gent beinge plie sicke in bodie but by ye providence and goodnes of God in good and pfect rembraunce knoweinge naturall deathe unto all fleshe to be certayne but the

[1] He was son of Richard Pilkington of Rivington in the parish of Bolton-le-Moors Esq. and of Alice Asshawe his wife, and brother of James Pilkington D.D. Bishop of Durham. He succeeded his brother James, being then D.D., as Master of St. John's College, Cambridge, 19th October 1561, and in the same year was appointed Regius Professor in Divinity. In 1567 he was collated to a stall in Durham Cathedral, and presented by his brother to the Rectory of Whitburn, and afterwards to the Vicarage of Norham.

[2] Proved in 1587. According to Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 114, the testator was a son of Charles Mainwaring of Croxton by Ellen, daughter of Hugh Brereton of Wilmslow. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Holford of Holford Esq. From this will, which will correct the pedigree in Ormerod, it is evident that he died without issue.

seṽall tymes thereof most uncertayne doe make this my last will and testam^t &c. ffirst I most humblie bequeathe my soule unto Almightie God my Creator &c. and my bodie to be buried in ye yearthe from whence itt came in Christian buriall I geve and bequeathe towardę ye repayringe of ye p̣ishe churche of Midlewiche the sōme of xl^s to be applied bie the churche waredens there for ye tyme beinge I doe bequeathe unto my brother in lawe John Brooke x^s Unto my sister Margarie Brooke his wief x^s Unto my cosen Charles Brooke xx^s To Robte Brooke my cosen xx^s To my cosen Thomas Brooke x^s To Roger Brooke my cosen xx^s To Wiłłm Brooke my cosen xx^s I doe bequeathe to my cosen Margerie Varnone daughter to my sister Brooke xx^s To Edward Shallcrosse my brother in lawe the choice of one of my geldingę and fortie shillinges of moneye To my sister Margaret Shallcrosse his wief xl^s To my cosen Charles Shallcrosse v^li To my cosen Jane Shallcrosse iij^li vj^s viij^d To my cosen Margarett Shallcrosse iij^li vj^s viij^d To my cosen Isabell Sclade xx^s I doe bequeathe to my brother Randull Manwayringe my second best beed withe the bedstockes and withe sufficiente furniture due for the same and alsoe iij^li vj^s viij^d and all mye apparell I doe bequeathe to my cosen Hughe Manwayringe xl^s To mye cosens Elizabethe Manwayringe Ales M. Jane M. Elen M. and M^ȝgaret M. sisters of the said Hughe M. to everie one of them x^s I doe bequeathe to my brother James Manwayringe one coate of plate and one caliver to be delivȝed to him by my executors To my brother Oliver M. x^s To Humfreye Manwayringe xx^s To Margaret M. Margarie M. and Katheren M. daughters of my brother Rauffe Manwayringe deceassed to everie one of them x^s To George Leftwiche my man x^s My funerall debtę and legacies discharged the rest of my goodę I geve to Elizabethe Manwayringe my wieffe And to see this my last will &c. p̣formed I doe desire my lovinge wieffe Elizabethe M. and my brother in lawe George Houlford to be my executors And alsoe I doe desire my cosen

Rauffe Thickens of Balterley and my brother in lawe Edward Shallcrosse to be supvisors of this my last will &c. I have subscribed my name &c. the xxiiijth daye of June in the xxjxth yeare &c. and in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand five hundrethe forescore and seven Charles Manwayringe Witnesse Charles Shallcrosse Edward Shallcrosse Randall Manwayringe Homfrey Alexander Robte Carter Hughe Manwayringe George Leftwiche.

THE WILL OF RICHARD MARBURY OF APPLETON, GENT.[1]

IN the name &c. I Rychard Merbury of Apleton in the countye of Chester gentylman being of hole mynd and in good and pfyght remembraunce laude and prayse be unto Almyghty God make and ordeyne this my ꝑsent testament &c. ffyrst I bequethe my soule &c. and my bodye to be buryed w^{t}in the pyshe churche of Deresburye as nyghe unto the place wheras my wyffe was layd as convenyentlye can be And also yt ys my wyll that my debte beyng payd my funallę dyscharged and my legacyes pformed that then all the rest of my goodę and cattallę movable and unmovable dettę tackę fermes implementę of household and husbandrye &c. shalbe equallye devydett amongest my yonger chyldren that ys to saye John Thomas Wiłłm Robt Edward George and Lawraunce Marburye my sonēs and Brygytt M. my daughter providet alwayes that wheras a certeyne grond called Burley Hey was and is pcell of my said tackę and fermes yt ys my wyll and mynd that yf Rychard M. my son and heyre apparentt wyll content and agree to paye unto my said yonger chyldren the sōme of xxx^{li} at convenyent tyme or tymes

[1] Proved before Mr. John Hanson December 9, 1559.

bytwene hym and theym to be agreed appon that then the same Rychard my son shall haue and enjoye the said grond called Burley Hey duryng all the rest of so many yeres of my terme therin as shall be then to com and not expyred I gyve and bequethe [to] Rychard Merbury my son my blacke nagge wt saddell brydell and all other thyngꝭ therto belongyng I gyve &c. unto Bryggett Merbury my said dougter my hole estate of halffe a wyche house[1] in the Northewyche wtin the countye of Chester whyche I haue of the graunt of Rychard Foxholes for certayne yeres wych ys of th'enherytaunce of Rychard Starkye of the Ovhall of Stretton I gyve &c. to the said Brygett Merbury one caskett wt all thyngꝭ therin conteyned wrytynge only excepted yf there be any and also one other lytle caskett and one chest or coffer for all her pte of the cofers or chestꝭ also one table bord towardꝭ household I gyve &c. unto my syst Margarett Hyll one demathe of hey[2] in the Snydell Hey yerelye durynge my terme therin I gyve &c. unto John Baxter one twynter heffer and thre dysen of flaxe and vj dysen of hempe I constitute &c. my welbeloued in Cryst John Marburye Thomas M. Wyllm M. Robert M. Edward M. George M. Lauraunce M. lawfull executors in wyttnesse wherof I haue sett to my hand the xxvijth daye of August Anno Dñi 1559 these being wytnesse Thomas Harp of Hatton Thomas . . . . . Rychard Baxter John Marbury Henry Lanckyshyre and others Also I make John Grymsdyche esquyer Rychard Marbury of Walton Geffrey Starky and Thomas Grymysdyche to be ovseers &c. RYC. MARBURY.

[1] A house in which salt is boiled.

[2] Demath or Days-math signified originally an acre, the quantity mown by a man in one day, but generally meant a small portion of ground. — Halliwell *in voce*.

THE WILL OF JAMES HALLIWELL OF EALEES GENT.[1]

IN the name of God amen The xxviij daye of August año dñi 1596 and xxxviijth of our most gracious sov̄ lady Elizabeth by &c. I James Halliwell of the Ealees in Hundersfield in the co. of Lancaster gent being of good and ꝑfect remembrance and of reasonable health God be praised do &c. First and principally I com̄end my soule into the hands of Almighty God trustinge by the merytts and death of his dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ to be in the number of the electe and my synnes wholly to be remytted and ꝑdoned and my body to be delivered to the earth in the mydle alley of Rochdale church in sure and certen hope of the resurrection unto eternal life And touching the disposition of my messēs lands &c. in Dytton in the said co. I give a moiety of the same to James Hallywell of Knowl House my younger son his heirs and assigns for ever and the other moiety of the said lands I give and devise the same to John Halliwell now of Pykehouse my son and heir apparent his heirs and assigns for ever And where all my lands ten^{ts} &c. in Hundersfeld Pieke House Littleburgh Buerdsall and Buerdsall More Lyghtollers Donishbooth Butterworth Butterworth Hall Cas-

[1] James Halliwell, of Ealees and Pike House, in the parish of Rochdale gent., the head of a well-descended family, was the son and heir of John Halliwell of the same. He died at Ealees 25th January 1597-8, and was buried in Rochdale church 27th January 1597-8. His inquisition was taken 29th August 1598. He married about the year 1558 Elizabeth, daughter of Arthur Whytehead of Dearnlegh gent., and of his wife Alice, daughter and heiress of Charles Hill of Hollingworth. Her will is dated August 26, 1600, and was proved at Chester in 1604 by her two sons and executors, John and James. She was buried in Rochdale church 23rd March 1603-4, and the entry in the register book is thus worded: "Mrs Helliwell from Hundersfeld." For some account of the family see Gastrell's *Notitia Cestr.* vol. ii. part i. p. 137, *note.*

tleton Spotland and Rachdale in the co. of Lancaster and also in Staynland and Sowood in the co. of Yorke were estated and settled by my late father John Halliwell deceased I hereby ratify and confirm the same so that they may descend and remain in the blood and name according to the paire of indentures made by my said father and myselfe.

All my goods I devide into three partes whereof Elizabeth my wife shall have one thirde as her purpartie due by the lawes of this realme one other part I give to James my younger sonn and the other part I reserve to my executors to pay legacies and bequests I give to Arthur son of Ralph Whytehead xx^{s} To every of the children of my sister Jane Chadwick xx^{s} each To the children of my sister Agnes Butterworth xx^{s} each To my son John Halliwell two of my best stone troughs to remayne with him as heir looms and afterwards to remayne with his oldest sonn James Halliwell To my said son John x^{li} in money To James Bamford my sonn in law x^{li} To Charles Stott my sonn in law x^{li} and all the residue to Elizabeth my wife save x^{s} to Mr. Rychard Midgeley late vicar of Rachdale I appoint Elizabeth my wife and James my sonn executors and I desyre my friends Mr. William Asheton of Clegg and Cuthbert Scholfeld gentlemen to be overseers of the same as my speciall trust is in them. In witness &c.

Witnesses By mee Willm̄ Ashetonn John Cudworth Raphe Cudworth p̄ mee Robertū Chadwick testm̄ p̄ mee James Scolfeld Abraham Scolfeld.

Memm̄ that I have given already in hand before the execution of this my will unto James Bamford my son in law iiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} to the use of Henry Margaret and Elizabeth son and daughters of the same James viz. xl^{s} a piece for the said daughters and vj^{s} viij^{d} for the son And I have given vj^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} unto John Halliwell my eldest son for the use of James Elizabeth Isabel and Jane his son and daughters viz. every daughter xl^{s} and the son vj^{s} viij^{d} And likewise I have

already delivered unto Charles Stott my son in law and his wife iiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} for the use of James and Charles Stott his sons and Jane Butterworth daughter of James Butterworth deceased viz. for the use of James vj^{s} viij^{d} and for the said Charles and Jane Butterworth either of them xl^{s} which several sums above named I would have put forth by the fathers for the use of the children to demand the same at their fathers hands.

The executors were sworn "coram Mag^{ro} Rich^{do} Midgleye Sacri Verbi Concionatoř in festo Ascensioñ 1598."

THE WILL OF WILLIAM GLASEOR, ESQ., VICE CHAMBERLAIN OF THE CITY OF CHESTER.

IN the name of God the Father Sonne and the Hollye Ghoste to whome be all hono^{r} glorye and prayse world wthout end amen The xxvjth daie of June 1588 and in the 30 Elizabeth &c. I Wiłłm Glaseor Esqr vice chamb̆len of the countie palatyne of Chester and alderman of the cittie of Chester beinge whole of mind &c. do make my last will and testament ffirste whereas there is lyeinge wthin my evidence cheste in my study an assurance of my chief or mano^{r} howse in Lee ałs Ley neere Backford in the countie of Chester wth the landes and tenem^{t}e to the same belonginge wth their app^{r}tennce made by me and my eldest sonne to Edmunde Gamull and Thomas Case to the use and behoof of my welbeloued wief Ales Glaseor for the terme of xl^{ti} yeares if she so longe live wch is ment to be to her in the name of her ioynture and dower of all my lande and tenem^{t}e my will is that she shall haue the same assurance to her delivered and she to haue and enioye the same mano^{r} howse lande &c. in recompence of her joynture for her beste benefite

and proffett duringe all her naturall lief I geve unto my said wief my howse of St. Johnes wthin the cittie of Chester wherein I dwell wth all edeficꝭ orchardꝭ and gardens to the same belonginge together wth such waynscotte glasse tables formes cubbardꝭ and tressellꝭ in the same beinge to haue &c. duringe all her naturall lief And after her decesse the same to remeyne unto my sonne John Glaseor and his heires for ever And for the better mayntenn̄ce of her husbandrye and good usage of the howse of Lea aforesaid I doe also geve &c. to my said wief ten of my beste draught oxon two horsꝭ or mares that haue used to drawe wth them and all plowes weanes yokes harrowes and other thingꝭ and implem^{t}ꝭ there necessarye and incydent for husbandrye together wth xij of the best melche kyen wch I haue there prayeinge her that when God shall call her out of this world she will leave the same or such like [unto] my said eldeste sonne John Glaseor for his better mayntenn̄ce in the same if she shalbe of habilitie so to doe [And if] it shall please th'almighty to grant her a husband so as she shalbe marryed and doe not inhabite and occupie the same my will is that my said wief will demise the said howse landꝭ &c. in Lea aforesaid unto my said sonne John Glaseor for a reasonable rent so as he doe kepe howse in the same and also to sell unto my said sonne the said oxon and kyne for a reasonable price he payeinge the same price and to live in dutie and obedience to her his said mother And whereas Raphe Dutton late of Hatton wthin the countie of Chester esq^{r} decessed did at my suyte and requeste make a leas for terme of my wief and my sonne Hughe Glaseor their lives and the longer liver of them wch leas was executed to theim as well in sealinge and deliv̄ey as his dede before and in the p̄sence of Henry Townsend esquier nowe one of her ma^{t}ꝭ justicꝭ of Chester Mr. Debden my self and others as also by liv̄ey of season executed and atturnem^{t} wch leas M^{r}. John Dutton of Dutton onst desired to see and wth a knyfe did cutt the same lease whereat I was greatly offended noe leassee beinge present or assentinge to

the same I haue caused the same wrytinge to be ꝑserved for the benefitte of my said wief and sonne Hughe to haue and hold the ꝑmisse duringe their lives and the longer liver of them wch lease and wrytinge is of the howse and grounde I hold lyeinge in Littleton in the said countie of Chester my will is that the same leas be delivꝑed to my said wief and sonne Hughe for theinoyinge of the same I geve &c. unto my said wief the teithe of Ledsham and Salghall Barne for the terme of fortie yeares (if she live so longe) And after her deathe I will my sonne John Glaseor shall haue the same duringe the whole [term] I haue in the same I doe also geve &c. unto my said sonne Hughe Glaseor my lease of Arrowe and witche howsse in the Northwitche wch Sr Perres Dutton Knight made to my late brother John Glaseor and his assignes for terme of yeares yet enduringe whose right and terme I haue in and to the same [and also] the moytee of one salte howse or wiche howse [which] . . . Peter Warburton of Chester hath wch occupac . . . onsideracõn of his good will and frendshipp allwaies heretofore borne unto me and will hereafter for my sake beare unto my said wief and children I geve &c. the same occupacõn unto him duringe his lief he payinge the yearlie rent of xls wch he now payethe for the same The one moytie of wch said mannñ of Arrowe and lande thereunto belonginge is in the occupacõn of Myles Felle of Byddston by my demise untill the feast of St Michaell th'archangell next comynge and th'other moytie is in the occupacõn of Richard Hatton of Lancon and others by my demise not only untill the said feast of St Michaell th'archangell next comyinge but also for and by a new lease by me made for xxj yeares then next and imediatlie followinge yeldinge the rente accustomed for the same wch leas together with other legacies &c. I doe geve unto my said sonne Hughe Glaseor in full satisfaccõn of his childes ꝑte and porcõn of my goodes and chattelle And whereas by my dede bearinge date the xxth daie of June laste paste I haue granted unto my welbeloued daughter

Elizabeth Glaseor the teith and the teith barne of Boughton and one pcell of ground lyeinge w^th^in the suburbes of the cittie of Chester nere to the pishe church of St Johnes called the Hadlonde my will is that she shall enioye the same &c. for her pferm^t^ and in full discharge of her porcõn and childes pte of all my goode I geve &c. the reste and residewe of my terme and estate of the teithe corne and hey of Boughton and of the teithe barne of Boughton unto Alice my welbeloved wief hopinge nevertheles that she will stand good therein to my sonne John Glaseor I geve &c. unto my sonne Hughe Glaseor to be paid unto him in foure yeares out of my goode and chattelle by equall porcõns the some of xx^li^ To my daughter Mary Leighe to be paide yearlie unto her in four[e yeares] by even porcõns xl^ti^ m̃ke I geve &c. unto my serv[ant J]ohn Baron the intereste and terme wch I haue in a closse called Glade crofte lieinge in Huntington if he so longe live and serve my said wief or sonne John Glaseor he payinge the yearlie rent for the same due and accustomed Unto my serũnte Wiłłm Cooke on yeares wages To my servant John Perry on yeares wages To my servant Alice Leftwiche on yeares wages To my servante Margarett Birche on yeares wages To all and eṽy other my serũnte such consideracõn as to my said wief shalbe thought mete and as they shall in diligence towarde her and my children deserve And whereas I have paide one hundred markes unto Mr Leighe of Boothes for and at the request of my brother in lawe Edward Leighe of Baguley esquire to discharge certen bonnde obligatorye wherein I and the said Edward did stande bounden unto the said Mr Leighe of Boothes wch I have paide as by sp̃ialtes and acquittance do appere wch some nor any pte thereof is not yet repaide unto me And wheare also over and besides the said C m̃kes the said Edward Leighe doth oughe me Cxx^li^ my will and mynde is that the same seṽall somes shalbe demanded of the said Edward Leigh and upon peam^t^ thereof the same to be bestowed uppon the buyldinge and repayringe the demeane howse at Baguley

accordinge to coveñnte made in that behalf All the reste and residue of my goode &c. my debte paid and funalle discharged I doe geve unto my said welbeloved w[ife] And of this my testam^t doe nõite &c. the said Alice Glaseor my welbeloved wief my sole executrix And my deare and welbeloved frende Sr Randle Brereton knight the said Peter Warburton Edmunde Gamull of the cittie of Chester and my cossen [Thomas] Case overseers &c. In wytnes &c,

Wm Glaseor.[1]

Wytnes hereof Peter Warburton Edmunde Gamull Hughe Glaseor Tho Case Peres Midleton John Yardley.

An inventory of all the goode and chattelle late Willm Glaseor esq^r decessed taken the xvij^th daie of Januarie 1588 [1588–9] and remayning in and about the house at St Jone's w^thin the cittie of Chester &c.

In the hall one longe table uppon tresselle v^s — two ioyned formes thereto belonginge ij^s vj^d — another longe table uppon tresselle wth two formes thereto iij^s iiij^d — one square table iij^s iiij^d — a livey cobarde ij^s vj^d — two plate cotes x^s — one horsemans armo^r white complett xx^s — a fotemans armo^r blacke complett x^s — sixe pikes viij^s — two light horsemans staves ij^s viij^d — one launce staffe xvj^d — a longe caryott [?] of Dornixe vj^s viij^d — two holbarde v^s — three blacke bille iij^s Sum̃ iiij^li iij^s iiij^d In the parler a drawinge table of ioyned worke wth a frame xl^s — two formes covered w^th

[1] Proved 29th October 1588. William Glasier Esq., Vice-Chamberlain of Chester, grantee of the manors of Over Poole, Lea and Whitby, married firstly Elizabeth, daughter of . . . . . Eglionby, and by her had issue a son and heir John, who married firstly Mary, daughter of Ralph Egerton, and secondly Mary, daughter of Thomas Legh of Adlington Esq., and died without issue; Hugh Glasier, heir to his brother John in 1595; and two daughters, Elizabeth, wife of Sir Thomas Aske, and Mary, who married firstly Richard Massey of Grafton gent., sheriff of Chester; and secondly Richard, son and heir of Edward Legh of Baggiley Esq. The testator married secondly Alice, daughter of . . . . . who survived him. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 416; vol. ii. pp. 209–387.

Turky work to the same belonginge xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — a ioyned forme xvj^{d} — one cubborde ij^{s} vj^{d} — a little side table uppon a frame ij^{s} vj^{d} — a paire of virginallę wth the frame xxx^{s} — sixe ioyned stooles coved wth nedle worke xv^{s} — sixe other ioyned stooles vj^{s} — one cheare of nedle worke iij^{s} iiij^{d} — two litle fote stooles iiij^{d} — one longe carpett of Turky worke vj^{li} — a shorte carpett of the same worke xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one cubbord carpett of the same x^{s} — sixe quysshens of Turkye xij^{s} — sixe quysshens of tapestree xx^{s} — one olde longe greene carpett iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one longe quysshen of nedle worke vj^{s} viij^{d} — one longe quysshen of purple velvett embrothered wth gold and silver and armes in the middeste xx^{s} — one square quysshen of purple velvett wth a silver fawcon embrothered v^{s} — a curten of redd seye drawen upon a rodd of iron xviij^{d} — eight pictures xl^{s} — a ioyned frame wth the Earle of Leicestors pedegree xij^{d} — a mapp of the Low Cuntreys vj^{d} — a frame of the princes armes coved wth glasse ij^{s} vj^{d} — one greite of iron ij^{s} vj^{d} — a paire of andironę vj^{s} viij^{d} — a Byble Englishe vj^{s} viij^{d} — the booke of marterę x^{s} — the paraphrase of Erasmus iiij^{s} — an old Chawser ij^{s} — a Lattin Bible con^{t} [containing] moste of the Old Testam^{t} and all the New Testam^{t} ij^{s} vj^{d} — the Chronicollę iiij^{s} — a presse in the clossett wthin the ꝑler v^{s} Sum̃ xx^{li} xiij^{s} vj^{d} In the great chamber over the ꝑler a seild bedd of walnuttree wth a tester and five curtens of greene clothe faced wth changeable taffita and embrothered wth blacke velvett viij^{li} — a grene taffita quilte on both sides iij^{li} — a fetherbedd a bolster a downe beadd and a fyne white quilte v^{li} — two white blanckettę and one white rugge xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — a paire of white fustian blankettę xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — two downe pillowes iiij^{s} — a great cheare wth the backe and seate of tawney velvett embrothered wth gold xvj^{s} viij^{d} — on little cheare the seate of nedle worke and a litle stoole of the same v^{s} — one heighe stoole coved wth blacke velvett and embrothered wth yelow saten ij^{s} — one longe quysshen of blacke velvett embrothered wth clothe of gold xlvj^{s} viij^{d} — one other longe quysshen of blacke

velvett embrothered wth yelow satten x^{s} — one square carpett of Turkye iij^{s} iiij^{d} — a square table ij^{s} vj^{d} — a presse of ioyned worke vj^{s} viij^{d} — a picture v^{s} — a cheste for a closse stoole iij^{s} iiij^{d} — a paire of andirons wth a barre of iron over the same a fire shovell and tonge a paire belloes an iron plate for the backe of the chymney xxiij^{s} iiij^{d}. Sum̃ xxiiij^{li} viij^{s} vj^{d} In the litle voide chamb^{r} hanginge of redd and greene buckeram ij^{s} vj^{d} — a livey cubbord xviij^{d} Sum̃ iiij^{s} In the readd chamber hanginge of readd sea l^{s} — a standinge beadd of joyned worke wth the testor and valance of readd and yelow satten and three sarcenett curtens of readd and yelow xxx^{s} — a flocke beadd iij^{s} iiij^{d} — a fetherbedd a bolster and two pillowes iij^{li} x^{s} — a paire of woollen blanckette x^{s} — a paire of fustian blanckette x^{s} — a count^{r}poynt of tapestree xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — a cheare of readd velvett wth a quysshen of nedle worke xvj^{s} viij^{d} — a heighe stoole embrothered ij^{s} — a loe stoole of readd and yelow satten and a litle stoole coved wth readd velvett iij^{s} iiij^{d} — a longe quysshen of crymsen satten embrothered wth cloth of gold and the livey cubbord wth a carpett of readd and yelow satten stripped [striped] xxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — a square table wth a carpett of grene clothe iiij^{s} — a curten for the window of redd sea xij^{d} — a paire of andirons wth a fier shovell tonge and bellowes xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Sum̃ xiij^{li} iij^{s} viij^{d} In the inner chamb^{r} a standinge bedd wth an old testor of readd and yelow sea vj^{s} viij^{d} — a fetherbedd a bolster a paire of blanckette a coverlett of redd and yelowe xl^{s} — old hanginge of buccaram xij^{d} Sum̃ xlvij^{s} viij^{d} In the chamb^{r} in the lower end of the halle a counter table wth tille iij^{s} iiij^{d} — a carpett of dornixe ij^{s} vj^{d} — a presse of waynescoote wth a cubbord in the same xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — a litle foldinge joyned table v^{s} — a cheare of grene cloth wth a quysshen ij^{s} vj^{d} — a litle cheare of Turky worke ij^{s} vj^{d} — sixe joyned stooles vj^{s} — a cheaste of waynscott v^{s} Sum̃ xl^{s} ij^{d} In the inner chamber one standing beadd ij^{s} vj^{d} — a fether beadd a bolster two blanckette and a coverlett xvj^{s} viij^{d} — a trokle beadd xij^{d} — a fether beedd one bolster three

blanckettę and a checker coȳlett xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — an old cubbord wth a presse ii^{s} vj^{d} — a great cheste coȳed wth blacke leather x^{s} Sum̃ xlvj^{s} In the chamb^{r} over the litle pler in the lower end of the halle hangingę of tapestree xl^{s} — a beddstede wth a testor and valance of redd and white damaske xl^{s} — fyve curtens of readd and white taffita sarcenett and three iron roddę xxx^{s} — two fether beddę two bolsters and a white quilte of woole iij^{li} x^{s} — a paire of blanckettę vj^{s} viij^{d} — a redd rugge vj^{s} viij^{d} — two cheares wth the seates and backę of crimson velvett three stooles coȳed wth readd velvett x^{s} — an old litle stoole embrothered wth redd and white damaske xij^{d} — a longe foote stoole coȳed wth reed clothe vj^{d} — a grene cheare for a closse stoole iiij^{s} — a round cipres table wth a foote ij^{s} vj^{d} — a carpett of nedle worke xxx^{s} — a liv̄ey cubbord wth a carpett of Turkye worke v^{s} — a longe quysshen of readd velvett wth a silver fawcon in the middeste x^{s} — an other longe quysshen of readd damaske wth the like fawcon in it x^{s} — a paire of andirons wth a barr of iron over the same a fier shovell and tongę wth an iron plate at the chimney backe x^{s} Sum̃ xiij^{li} xvj^{s} iiij^{d} In the chamb^{r} next to the same hangingę of redd and yelowe burracan iij^{s} iiij^{d} — a standinge bedd of ioyned worke xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — a valance of crimson and yelowe satten old iij^{s} iiij^{d} — three old curtens of redd and yelow sarcenett ij^{s} — two iron roddę vj^{d} — a fether bedd and two bolsters xxxvj^{s} viij^{d} — a blankett and an Irishe eaddow checked xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — an old quisshen of nedle worke vj^{d} — a lowe corded joyned stoole not coȳed xij^{d} — a carpett of Turky worke for a liv̄ey cubbord x^{s} Sum̃ iiij^{li} iiij^{s} In the litle chamber called the grene chamb^{r} hangingę of dornix x^{s} — a canapye beaddsteadd ij^{s} vj^{d} — a grene taffita canapy wth the headd of grene velvett laid one wth grene silke and silver lace xx^{s} — a fether bedd a bolster and a counterpoynte of tapistree xxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — a cheare of grene cloth iiij^{s} — a liv̄ey cubbord ij^{s} Sum̃ iij^{li} xxij^{d} In Mrs Eliz. Glaseors chamb^{r} one bedd steed iiij^{s} — a fetherbedd and bolster xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — two blanckettę and a caddow vj^{s} viij^{d} — two steyned curteyns

ij^{s} — a twiggen cheare xij^{d} — a litle table and an old grene carpett xviij^{d} Sum̃ xxviij^{s} vj^{d} In the litle gallery one great longe chest lyned wth canvas vj^{s} viij^{d} — one standard bound wth iron xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one chest bounde with iron and co͂ved wth lether xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — a skryne wth a frame xij^{d} — a flaskett to ley clothes vj^{d} Sum̃ xxxiiij^{s} x^{d} In the little ground chamb^{r} entringe the corte one ioyned beadd iiij^{s} — a fetherbedd a bolster and a fustian pillow xx^{s} — two blankettϱ and one caddowe vj^{s} viij^{d} — a li͂vey cubbord ij^{s} vj^{d} — a little square table ij^{s} vj^{d} — an old greene cheare xij^{d} Sum̃ xxxvj^{s} viij^{d} In the chamb^{r} over the larder a joyned bedd steed iiij^{s} — a fether bedd a bolster and a pillow xx^{s} — two blankettϱ and a caddow vj^{s} viij^{d} — a ioyned cubbord xviij^{d} — a square table xviij^{d} — an old cheare of blew cloth xviij^{d} Sum̃ xxxv^{s} ij^{d} In the chamb^{r} next to it a ioyned bedsteed v^{s} — a fether bedd and two bolsters x^{s} — two blankettϱ and two co͂vlettϱ v^{s} — a borde uppon tressellϱ wth a frame xij^{d} Sum̃ xxj^{s} In the gallerye one table standinge uppon a frame x^{s} — an old carpett of blew clothe xij^{d} — a cheaste ij^{s} vj^{d} — a cheare co͂ved wth blew velvett a stoole co͂ved wth blacke velvett and a quysshen of blew velvett vj^{s} viij^{d} — a trunke v^{s} — three hole pictures of canvas ij^{s} Sum̃ xxij^{s} ij^{d} In the study wthin the gallery a frame of foure heightϱ for a library x^{s} — $\overset{xx}{\text{vj}}$ and viij bookes bound in paste of di͂vϱ sortes by estimac͂on worthe iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — a table xij^{d} — a cheare and quysshen xij^{d} — a deske xij^{d} Sum̃ iij^{li} xjx^{s} viij^{d} In the chamb^{r} next to the orchard a bedd steed ij^{s} vj^{d} — a fether bedd two bolsters a flockbedd a blankett and a co͂vlett xx^{s} Sum̃ xxij^{s} vj^{d} In the chamb^{r} wthin the stable a bedd steed a flockebedd a bolster a blankett and two co͂vlettϱ vj^{s} viij^{d} Sum̃ vj^{s} viij^{d} In the little chamb^{r} o͂v the gate a bedd steed xij^{d} — a fetherbedd a bolster a flocke bedd two blankettϱ and a co͂vlett xx^{s} Sum̃ xxj^{s} In the butterye one bason and yewer ij^{s} vj^{d} — two wasshinge basens ij^{s} — a custard case xvj^{d} — seven pewter candlestickes vj^{s} viij^{d} — eight yewlowe candlestickϱ xvj^{s} — one chafing dishe ij^{s} — one pfumynge

pann xvj^{d} — two great pewter pottꝗ of three qr^{t}ꝗ a pece viij^{s} — quarte pott two pynte pottꝗ of pewter vj^{s} — foure chamb^{r} pottꝗ of pewter iiij^{s} — two pewter flower pottꝗ vj^{d} — foure pewter saltꝗ xij^{d} — xxjx pewter platterꝗ xl^{s} — xx dishes of pewter x^{s} — twenty plate trenchers x^{s} — jx sawcers iij^{s} iiij^{d} — two little tables upon frames iij^{s} — two chestꝗ v^{s} — two plate candlestickꝗ iij^{s} — sixe hh [hogsheads] in the seller vj^{s} Sum̃ vj^{li} xj^{s} viij^{d} In the kyttchen one great pann xxx^{s} — one lesser pann v^{s} — two little panns iiij^{s} — a skellett vj^{d} — foure brasse pottꝗ xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — two possnettꝗ iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one chafer v^{s} — one fryeinge pann viij^{d} — two chafinge dishes iij^{s} — two gird irons xij^{d} — one brassen morter and pestell ij^{s} vj^{d} — one grate of iron x^{s} — two rackꝗ of iron vj^{s} viij^{d} — two pott hangers upon a barre ij^{s} — two paire pott hookꝗ vj^{d} — a paire tongꝗ vj^{d} — foure longe spittꝗ and one little one iiij^{s} — one drypinge pann xij^{d} — ffoure trene platters xij^{d} — three crokꝗ vj^{d} — a stonn morter and a pestle wood vj^{d} — a salt box ij^{d} — seven platters of pewt^{r} vij^{s} — viij dishes of pewter iiij^{s} — sixe pewter sawcers ij^{s} — three pottingers xij^{d} — a pye plate iiij^{d} — one colland^{r} vj^{d} — a skymmer iiij^{d} Sum̃ vj^{li} x^{s} iiij^{d} In the backe howse and brewe howse a knedinge turnell vj^{d} — one brasse pann x^{s} — a binge to put meal in v^{s} — a knedinge troghe xvj^{d} — a boltinge pype viij^{d} — one mashe combe vj^{s} viij^{d} — one yeleinge combe v^{s} — one cowler iij^{s} iiij^{d} — a longe turnell ij^{s} — two vessell to take worte in ij^{s} — one brandrett xij^{d} — three corne wiskettꝗ vj^{d} — a great washinge bowle and a lesse ij^{s} — a washinge stoole iiij^{d} — foure vessells to putt meale in xij^{d} Sum̃ xlj^{s} iiij^{d} In the milke howse one brasse pann ij^{s} vj^{d} — two yerthen pannes iiij^{d} — sixe yerthen muggꝗ ij^{s} — one asshen iiij^{d} Sum̃ v^{s} ij^{d} In the corne lofte three greate basketteꝗ of straw to putt corne in iiij^{s} — foure ƀz [bushels] wheate xxxij^{s} — xvj^{ten} ƀz malte iiij^{li} viij^{s} — ten hoopes barlye x^{s} — a ƀz of beane and peaze v^{s} — ffoure ƀz rye xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — two stonn woole xx^{s} Sum̃ jx^{li} v^{s} viij^{d} Plate and silver basen and yewer ꝑcell guilt wayeinge iij^{xx} xvij ounꝗ and a half at iiij^{s} vj^{d} ounce

xvij^{li} x^{s} iij^{d} — an other silver basen and yewer all white wayeinge lvj ounce at iiij^{s} iiij^{d} the ounce xij^{li} ij^{s} vj^{d} — one neste of bowles wth a cover all guylt wayeinge iij^{xx} x ounce at v^{s} the ounce xvij^{li} x^{s} — one other neste of bowles wth a cover all guylte wayeinge xliij ounce at v^{s} the ounce x^{li} xv^{s} — one Mawlmsey cupp wth a cover all guylt wayeinge xx^{ti} ounce at v^{s} le ounce v^{li} ij^{s} vj^{d} — one other Mawlmsey cupp wth a cover all guylt wayeinge xxviij ounce at v^{s} the ounce vij^{li} — one other Mawlmsey cupp wth cover all guylt wayeinge xxv ounce at v^{s} the ounce vj^{li} v^{s} — one salt wth a cover all guylt wayeinge xviij ounce dī [half] at v^{s} le once iiij^{li} xij^{s} vj^{d} — two gilt salte wth two covers wayinge viij ounce wanting a qrt^{r} at v^{s} the ounce xxxviij^{s} jx^{d} — two silver bell salte wth a cover pcell guilt wayeinge xvj ounce dī at iiij^{s} vj^{d} le ounce iij^{li} xiiij^{s} iij^{d} — one gilte cupp wth a cover wayinge x ounce dī at v^{s} iiij^{d} le ounce lij^{s} vj^{d} — one gillte bowle wth a cover wz xij ounce at v^{s} le aunce iij^{li} — one other guilt bowle wth a cover wz xv ounce iij qrtr^{s} at v^{s} le ounce iij^{li} xviij^{s} ix^{d} — one paire acorne cuppe all guilt wz x ounce at v^{s} le ounce l^{s} — one acorne cupp wth a cover all guilt wz xj ounce at v^{s} le ounce lv^{s} — one silver cann wth a cover pcell guilt wth a cover wz xiij ounce dī at iiij^{s} vj^{d} le ounce iij^{li} xjx^{d} — one acorne cupp wth a cover all guilte wz xij oz dī at v^{s} le ounce iij^{li} ij^{s} vj^{d} — one neste of white boles wz xxviij ounce at iiij^{s} iiij^{d} le ounce vj^{li} viij^{s} — one spice box wth a cover and two silver spones wz xx^{tie} ounce dī at iiij^{s} iiij^{d} le ounce iiij^{li} viij^{s} x^{d} — two castinge bottelle one wth a cover all guylt wayinge xiiij^{ten} ounce qrt^{r} at v^{s} le ounce iij^{li} xj^{s} iij^{d} — one silver pottinger wth a sawcer all white wayeinge viij ounce and iij qrt^{rs} at iiij^{s} iiij^{d} le ounce xxxvij^{s} j^{d} — one silver tunn all white wz vij ounce iij qrt^{rs} at iiij^{s} iiij^{d} le oz xxxiij^{s} j^{d} — one silver bell all white wz ij ounce at iiij^{s} iiij^{d} le ounce viij^{s} viij^{d} — tenn spoones all guylt wz xvij ounce dī at x^{s} le ounce iiij^{li} vij^{s} vj^{d} — two white silver bowles wz xx^{ti} ounce at iiij^{s} iiij^{d} le ounce iiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — one dozen silver spoones guilt at th'ende wz xxiiij ounce at

iiij^{s} iiij^{d} le ounce v^{li} iiij^{s} — xj silver spoones lesser makinge wꝯ x^{en} ounce dī at iiij^{s} iiij^{d} le ounce xljx^{s} ij^{d} — one white silver salte wꝯ vij dī at iiij^{s} iiij^{d} le ounce xxxij^{s} vj^{d} — one silver ale cupp wth a cover wꝯ x^{en} ounce dī at iiij^{s} iiij^{d} le ounce xlv^{s} vj^{d} — one stonn pott garnished gilt wth a cover l^{s} — one other ston pott coved wth silver and gilt xxx^{s} Sum̃ Cxljx^{li} xvij^{s} ij^{d} Apparell in the wardropp one new coate of tuftafita xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one velvett jerkin laid one wth billim^{t} lace wthout sleeves xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — one old tuftafita coate x^{s} — a wrought velvett jerkin wthout sleves xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one dublett of blacke taffita cutt xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one blacke satten case cutt for a dublett x^{s} — one blacke satten dublett cutt xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — an old tuftafita jerkin wthout sleves iiij^{s} — one new paire of round hose of blacke brode billam^{t} panes lyned wth satten and the kenyons [?] of tuftafita xl^{s} — one paire of round hose panes of blacke rashe laid one wth a billym^{t} lace lyned wth tuftafita v^{s} — a taffita hatt iij^{s} iiij^{d} — a blacke capp and a saten coife ij^{s} vj^{d} — one paire of tawny stocke wth toppes of boothose of the same laid one wth billym^{t} lace ij^{s} — one paire of woosted stocke iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one paire lynen boote hose ij^{s} — a Duche damaske cloake garded wth three garde of velvett and faced wth tuftafita iiij^{li} — a silke grogren gowne laid one wth blacke lace and faced wth tuftafita vj^{li} — an old blacke clothe gowne wth a brode gard of velvett faced wth martyns and lyned wth squyrrell xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — a tawny clothe gowne faced wth cony lyned wth lambe and laid one wth lace xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — an old blacke clothe gowne faced wth velvett wth three gardes of velvett laied uppon l^{s} — a blacke foote clothe laid about wth lace x^{s} — a presse wherein the same appell lye v^{s} Sum̃ xxvj^{li} vij^{s} ij^{d} In the same wardropp two nedle worke quysshens iiij^{s} — two quysshens of stripped tynsell iij^{s} iiij^{d} Sum̃ vij^{s} viij^{d} Lynens of all sorte seven dozen of table napkyns xl^{s} — foure longe table clothes of two yarde brode a pece xl^{s} — a cobbard clothe of holland two yarde bread and fringed xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — an other cubbord cloth one bread ij^{s} — fyve paire of holland and fyve flaxen shete vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one paire of flaxen

of two breadꝭ xx^{s} — one paire of little pillow beares wroght v^{s} — foure paire fyne pillow beares xx^{s} — three longe table clothes of damaske v^{li} — one longe table cloth of diap x^{s} — two square table clothes of damaske xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — a square diap table clothe vj^{s} viij^{d} — two wroght cubbord clothes of holland vj^{s} viij^{d} — three longe towellꝭ of damaske xxx^{s} — a long diap towell vj^{s} viij^{d} — three livey towellꝭ vij^{s} vj^{d} — a dozen of diap napkyns xij^{s} — a dozen of damaske xx^{s} Sum̃ xxiiij^{li} xjx^{s} x^{d} In the stable xij loadꝭ of hey iiij^{li} Leases a lease in revcõn for many yeares of the teithe barne of Bedsam [Ledsham] and Saghall xxx^{li} — a lease of a close in Huntington for terme of ix^{en} yeares or there aboutꝭ valued at v^{li} — a lease of the moytie of the maner of Arrowe and certen wiche howses in Namptwiche [Northwich, see before] for many yeares to come valued by estimacõn xx^{li} Sum̃ lv^{li} Debtꝭ due to the testator Mr Richard Hurleston of Picton l^{li} — Mr Hughe Beston the yonger xx^{li} — Mr Peter Dutton vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Sum̃ iijxxvj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

The like inventory of all goodꝭ and chattellꝭ remayninge and beinge at the Lea the contrey howse In the pler a canapy bedd iij^{s} iiij^{d} — a fetherbedd a bolster and a pillow xl^{s} — two white blankettꝭ and a caddowe xx^{s} — a canapy of . . . . . vj^{s} viijd — two nedle worke quisshens and two of Turky worke vj^{s} viij^{d} — one cheare xx^{d} — a longe table uppon tressellꝭ ij^{s} vj^{d} — a square table uppon a frame iiij^{s} — three ioyned formes at ij^{s} the pece vj^{s} — a longe carpett of blew clothe x^{s} — a square table clothe of blew vj^{s} viij^{d} — a little stoole viij^{d} — a grate of iron a fier shovell tongꝭ wth a paire of bellowes xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — a pleane cubbord iij^{s} iiij^{d} Sum̃ vj^{li} iiij^{s} x^{d} In the chamb^{r} over the pler a canapy beddstedd v^{s} — a fetherbedd and bolster xxxv^{s} — two blankettꝭ and a redd rugge xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — a canapye vj^{s} viij^{d} — a pallett wth a flockbedd fetherbedd bolster a white rugge and a coveringe of tapestree xxx^{s} — a litle square table ij^{s} — a presse x^{s} — a cheare v^{s} — a cheste xx^{d} — a blacke chest barred wth iron xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — a trunke vj^{s} viij^{d} Sum̃

vj^{li} viij^{s} iiij^{d} In the inner chamber a bedd stedd a fether bedd a bolster a blankett and covlett xxx^{s} In the gallery a square table ij^{s} vj^{d} — two ioyned stooles xvj^{d} Sum̃ iij^{s} x^{d} In the middle chamb^{r} under the gallery a canapy beddstedd iiij^{s} — a flocke bedd a fether bedd a bolster and a pillowe xxx^{s} — a white blankett and a caddow xvj^{s} — a canapye iij^{s} iiij^{d} — a trokle bedd a flocke bedd and a bolster a blankett a coverlett and a caddowe xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — a livey cubbord ij^{s} vj^{d} — a ioyned stoole xij^{d} — three blacke billę iij^{s} In the formost chamb^{r} und^{r} the gallery a bedd stedd and all thereto belongeinge x^{s} In the third chamber und^{r} the gallery a beddstedd and all therto belonginge x^{s} — two bedd stedde in two oxe howse wth all therto xx^{s} In the maidę chamb^{r} a beddstedd and all therto belong̃ x^{s} Sum̃ vj^{li} iij^{s} ij^{d} The kyttchen a great pann xx^{s} — two lesser pannes vj^{s} viij^{d} — three brasse pottę xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one possenett ij^{s} vj^{d} — a skellett xij^{d} — a chafynge dishe and skymmer xij^{d} — a drypinge pan ij^{s} vj^{d} — a fryeinge pan xij^{d} — a broche viij^{d} — a paire golbartę xij^{d} — a grate of iron vj^{s} viij^{d} — two trene bassens xij^{d} — a borde upon two tressellę wth a frame xvj^{d} — a cheste crache xij^{d} — five pewter platters v^{s} — foure pewter dishes iij^{s} — two pottingers xij^{d} — a basen xij^{d} Sum̃ iiij^{li} ix^{s} viij^{d} Milke howse one cubborde xviij^{d} — two churnes xvj^{d} — a grater vj^{d} — a yeile combe and three stondę ij^{s} vj^{d} — a chese presse viij^{d} Sum̃ vj^{s} viij^{d} Husbandrye stuffe two iron bond waynes iiij^{li} — two ploves three suckę and two cultors v^{s} — two strokę of iron x^{s} — two harrowes ij^{s} — two paire treases and two carte ropes iij^{s} vj^{d} — two spadę an axe a hattchett two hedginge billę and two yelves iij^{s} vj^{d} Sum̃ v^{li} iiij^{s} Cattell ffive yoke of draught oxon at vij^{li} evy yoke xxxv^{li} — ffoure oxon in the stall xij^{li} — xvij kyne and a bull xxxiiij^{li} — sixe geldingę xviij^{li} — two mares iij^{li} — ffoure coltę viij^{li} — xj yonge beastę xviij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — vj hoggę and a boare xl^{s} Sum̃ Cxxx^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Corne and hey in the barne one bey of wheate of l^{tie} thraves con̄t aboute xx^{tie} ꝑ viij^{li} — two baies barlye con̄t xj skore thrave con̄t aboute iij^{xx} ꝑ valued at xv^{li} —

thirtie thraves of oates conť xv^en ꝑ xlv^s — in peaze xx^s — xvj loade of hey v^li vj^s viij^d Sum̃ xxxj^li xj^s viij^d

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Beside one bedd furnished and challendged by the said testatrix [? executrix] by the custome of the cuntrey and therfore not presed.

THE WILL OF SIR ROBERT BRYDDOCKE, OF MANCHESTER, CLERK.[1]

IN the name of God amen The xix^th daye of Apryll in the yeare of o^r Lord 1556 I Syr Robart Bryddocke clarke make my testament and last wyll after thys maner and forme folowing ffyrst I bequethe my sowle to Almightie God our ladie Saynct Marye and all the whole cōpanye of heaven and my bodie to be buryed at the churche at Manchester I bequethe to Alys Haslome vj^s viij^d I bequethe to Anne Haslome vj^s viij^d To George Haslome vj^s viij^d To Joane Haslome vj^li xiij^s iiij^d To Cycele Oldam vj^s viij^d To Margery Oldam vj^s viij^d To myne aunte Graver vj^s viij^d To Edward Rydinge vj^s viij^d To Thomas Bryddocke my best bowe and myne arowes To James Eccarsall my velvet dublet To Genet Chorleton my short gowne I bequethe xx^s to be delt for my sowle the daye of my buryall I bequethe to Syr Harye Syddall iij^s iiij^d wth my rugge gowne I wyll y^t ev̄y prest saying masse for my sowle that daye shall have viij^d ffurthermore I orden constytute and apoynte myne executo^rs Rychard Bryddocke Geffery Bryddocke James Oldam and Margery Warbyton to see that thys my testament and last wyll be throwghlye fulfylled and performed and I gyve them frelye the rest of my goode movable and unmovable to be devyded emongest them by equall porc̄one And in wytnes that thys ys my last wyll I the said Syr Robart Bryddocke to these presente have setto my seale and subscrybed my name the daye and

[1] Proved 27th August 1556.

yeare above wryten Wytnesse3 herof Syr Harye Sydall p⁹st James Eccarsall Syr Lawraunce Vawce p⁹st Syr Hughe Ormyssa p⁹st Thomas Redyche.

An inventory of all the goodꝭ and cattellꝭ wch were Sr Robart Bryddockꝭ late of Manchester decessed clarke prysed by these psonꝭ folowinge That ys to saye Arthure Spakmon Thomas Eccarsall Rauffe Chowerton and Olyver Glover the ixth daye of Maie aō dñi 1556 Impʳmis a horse iijli vjs viijd — a cowe xxxs iiijd — a heffer xxxs — iij swyne xxiiijs — in haye and woode xvjs — a fetherbed a boulster and a pylowe xvjs — a coverlet iijs iiijd — a stele cappe xxd — in naperye ware viijs — a sowdyer jacke iijs iiijd — a paire of bootꝭ and ij paire of shoes iiijs — a gowne xxs — a gowne vjs viijd — a rugge gowne vs — a gowne xiijs iiijd — a chamlet jacket vjs viijd — a rugge jacket ijs — iiij dublettꝭ xxiijs iiijd — ij paire of hozen and a cloke vjs viijd — viijlbs ỹne iiijs — vlb flaxe ijs vjd — viij peces pewder vs — a chafynge dishe xijd — a lytle pan viijd — a brasse ladle iiijd — in yrne ware iijs iiijd — a prestes cappe iijs — a sarcenet typpet vs — ij sholes iiijd — an arke and a coffer vjs viijd — in tree vessell iijs iiijd — a ryding sadle and a brydle iijs iiijd — in bookes xs — in money lxxvjli iiijd ob.

Some toll lxxxxiijli vs vjd ob.

THE WILL OF ANNE, WIDOW OF HENRY HALSALL OF HALSALL, ESQ.[1]

IN the name of God the ffather the Sonne and the Holye Gost amen Be it knowen unto all men by these p̄sentꝭ that I Anne

[1] Proved July 10th 1589. Anne, sister and heiress of Thomas Molyneux of Clifton Esq. and daughter of Sir William Molyneux of Sefton Knt. by his second wife Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Cuthbert Clifton of Clifton Esq., married (cov. dat. 17 Henry VIII.) Henry Halsall of Halsall, by whom she had an only son,

Halsall wydowe late wyffe of Henrye Halsall of Halsall wthin the county of Lanc̃ esquier deceassed beinge in reasonablie good healthe of bodye and of good and ꝑfecte memorie praysed be God &c. &c. Therefore I the saide Anne Halsall the eighteenthe daye of June in the yeare of o^{r} Lorde God one thousande fyve hundreth ffoure score and neane and in the one and threttyth yeare of the reigne of o^{r} sov̊aigne ladye Elizabeth &c. by good delyberac̃on and advise doe ordeyne &c. this my laste will and testament in maner and fforme folowinge ffirste I com̄itte my sole to Almightye God &c. and my will is that my bodye shalbe buried in the chancell of the ꝑishe churche of Halsall aforesaide as neare to the place where my said late husbande was buried as conveniently may be and that such expences shalbe bestowed about and conc̊ninge my buriall as I shall hereafter declare unto my executors or as to them shall seeme requisite and convenient to stand wth my degree And I give to the righte honarable my very good lord Henry Earle of Derby the beste fatt oxe wch I shall happen to have at the tyme of my decease I give to Mrs Anne Standley one of the daughters of the said earle (to whome I am godmother) one tablet or juell to the value of vj^{li} by estimac̃on I give to my cosen Sr Richarde Molyneux knight one fatte oxe To my uncle Edwarde Halsall one other fatte oxe To my cosen Edwarde Standishe one other fatte oxe To my cosen Richarde Molineuxe of Cunscowe esquier one other fatte oxe To my cosen John Molyneuxe senior one other fatte oxe To my brother Roberte Molineuxe one other fatte oxe To my cosen Alexander Molyneuxe ꝑson of Walton one other fatte oxe To my cosen Thomas Woolfall one other fatte oxe I geve to my cosen Richarde Molyneuxe sonne of John Molyneux vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} I geve to my sister Houlme xl^{s} I geve to Richarde Houlme her sonne twoe kyne

Richard Halsall of Halsall Esq. The latter left an illegitimate son Cuthbert Halsall, *alias* Norres, who was afterwards knighted, and inherited the Clifton and Halsall estates.

To Lawrence Houlme and Willm Hulme to eyther of them twoe kyene I geve to my sister Jane Bootle nowe wyffe of James Bootle of H. . . . . greene twoe mylke keyne To Elizabeth Duddell nowe wyffe of Richard D. my servante twentye poundes I geve to the wyffe of George Duddell of Solwicke twoe mylke kyene To the said Richard Duddell and to Willm Bootle my servante eyther of them xl^{s} To Thomas Halsall and Gilbarte Halsall to eyther of them xl^{s} To Richarde Halsall sonne of the said Gilberte xl^{s} I geve to evy of my servante wch shalbe in my service at the daye of my death to evy of them one quarters wages I geve to evy one that I am godmother unto and dwelinge wthin this pishe of Halsall xij^{d} I will that if any of the above named psons to whome I have geven or bequethed any legasies unto by this my will happen to die in my lyffe tyme that then such of the saide legasies to them soe geven to surcease and not be payable Also all the reste and residue of my goodes and cattalle moveable and unmoveable quicke and deade my debtes legasies and funerall discharged payed and done I geve &c. to Cuthbert Halsall allias Norres esquier wholelye to his owne use My will is that if hee or they wch shall happen to be lorde and owner or ruler of the demeanes of Halsall afforesaid and Ranecars next after my death doe pmitte and suffer my executors quietly and peasablie to have enioy and occupie the said demeanes of Halsall and Ranecars wch I nowe occupie ffor the keepeinge and preservinge of such cattelle as my said executors shalbe then charged wthall and that by the space of twentye weeckes next after my death then I will that the said owner or ruler thereof as is afforesaid shall have xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} for that only purpose and for noe other intente or meaninge And I ordeyne &c. my welbeloued servante George Duddell Thomas Gerard Thomas Walshe the yonger and Richarde Duddell my executors of this my laste will &c. And I will that my said executors shall have the custodie rule &c. of all the said goodes and cattelles by me geven to the said Cuthberte from and after my

deathe untill the said Cuthberte shall come to and accomplishe his age of one and twenty yeares And my executors to use the same to the use of the saide Cuthberte and when the said Cuthberte shall accomplishe his said age of one and twentye yeares then my said executors to make and delyv̄ a just accounte of all the saide goodꝯ and cattelles And I most humblie requier the said right honorable Henry Earle of Derbie and the said Cuthberte to be supvisors &c. of this my laste will &c. In wittenes &c. have putt my seale and made a crosse or marke &c. These beinge witnes Wiłłm Houlme Edwarde Halsall John Wood.

THE WILL OF AGNES RAWSTORNE OF THE LUMM, WIDOW.[1]

IN the name &c. 28 daie of Aprill 36 Eliz. I Agnes Rawstorne de Lume in the p̣ishe of Burie widdow sicke and feeble in bodie but in good and p̣fect remembrance laud and praise be unto the Almightie doe make and ordaine this my testament containinge herein my last will in manner &c. first and principallie I geve and committe my soule unto Almightie God my maker saviour and redemer and my bodie to be buried in the p̣ishe churche of Burie or wheare it shall seeme good to my execut̄ to dispose it In primis I geve unto Edward Rawstorne a salting tub tow lesse kyres a litle . . . . . le kyre and a churne and a mantell a candlesticke and three peuter dishes whele combes and cardꝯ I geve unto An Rawstorne my best peuter dishe Unto Isabell my daughter a fetherbed ticke Unto Alice my daughter my best gowne and a silver spowne and a . . . . . ght or flasket I geve unto Lawrence my sonne a coverlet and tow blanketꝯ I have receaved of my sonne Adam Raustorne

[1] Proved 29 April, 1594. See *Wills and Inventories*, second portion, p. 168.

in monie and other goode to the value of vj^{li} v^{s} iiij^{d} towarde the keepinge of his sonne Robert and I have laid out more for his bord wages and scholwages xlxiij^{s} iiij^{d} over and besyde his apparell and bookes the summe of three pounde and tene shillinges besyde monie in his purse to spend I know not how muche so that my sonne Adam owethe me the sum̄e of vj^{li} iij^{s} iiij^{d} of wch said sum̄e I geeve backe againe unto my said sonne Adam all the apparell wch his sonne hathe had of my charges wch is the said som̄e of iij^{li} x^{s} I geve unto everie child whome I am grandmother unto xij^{d} I geeve unto An Fishe a hatt a purse and a stomacher Unto Elin Kenion a sheet I geve An Greave a blanket Unto the wife of James Romsbotham an ould red cote Unto Alice Wilsonne my ould gowne Unto the wife of William Pilkingtonne a new red cote I geve unto all servante att the Lume vj^{d} a peece I geve unto Thomas ffishe a litle coufer It̃ after my disease my debte paid and my funerall expences discharged and these legaces abouve said fulfilled I geve &c. all the rest of my goode to my executours hearafter named And of this present testament I make Edward Rawstorne and Alice my daughter my executoures I make George Nuttall de Gowenrode (Gollenrode) overseer And I utterlie revoke and annull all and everie other former will legaces bequeathes executores and overseers by me in anie wise before this tyme made willed or bequeathed Theesse witnesses Thomas ffishe William Pilkingtone Thomas Schofeld.

THE WILL OF ROGER MAINWARING OF NANTWICH, GENT.[1]

Ihūs.

IN the name &c. I Roger Manwaringe of the Namptewiche townesende in the countye of Chester gent̃ callinge to mynde the certentye of deathe th'ende of evȳe livinge creature and the uncertentie of the time therof And havinge a reasonable care and disposicon̄ (now beinge in pfecte healthe and whileste my sence and memorie doe best serve me) to dispose those lyvinges and worldlye goode that Almightye God of his grete goodnes and blessinge hathe sent me And wherby I shall not have cause to be troubled vexed or disquieted whenas sicknes and weakenes shall come and that I muste leave the same as worldlye thinge to the worlde behinde me But that I maye then especiallie (like as all other times I oughte) wholie to sett my mynde and directe my faithe to be fixed stedfastelye upon heavenlie thinge and evlastinge joyes And alsoe that then I maye have the better time to call and crye to Jesus Christe my onlye Savior for mercye grace and forgivenes of all my sinnes like as he hathe comannded I doe therfore make and declare this my laste will &c. ffirste and principallye I doe yelde and comytte my soule into the mercifull hande of Almightye God in full hope and constante faith and belefe to be saved onlye by the merite of the moste precious deathe and passion of my sweete savior and redemer Ihūs Christe and by none other meanes moste humblye besechinge hym to receave my poore sonle unto his mercifull handes

[1] Proved May 1st, 1590. Roger Mainwaring of Nantwich gent., son of John Mainwaring by Margery daughter of Robert Brooke of Nantwich, married Margaret daughter of Sir Thomas Maisterson Knt. of Nantwich by whom he had Richard, John, Thomas, Mary, and Margaret wife of Edward Dod of Edge. The testator was fifth in descent from Peter Mainwaring of Nantwich, illegitimate son of William Mainwaring of Peover Esq. — *Harl. MSS.* 1535, pp. 340-341.

and evlastinge lieff the whiche he hathe soe derelye boughte and ransomed wth his moste precious deathe and bloode shedinge innocentlye upon the crosse of his passion And in the moste sure and certen stedfaste faithe and beleif of the same I doe willinglie leave and forsake the liefe of this transsytorie worlde and all worldlye thinge [to] come to the same evlastinge kingdome and joyes of heaven Amen And then all my sayde worldelye landes goodes and possessions moveable and immoveable to be geaven graunted bequeathed and distributed in suche manner and forme as hereafter shalbe declared and expressed that is to saie Rog^r Mainwaring Secondlie I give and bequethe unto my lovinge wief Margret M. my chief mansion house at the townsende of Namptwiche wth all the buildinge and gardens therunto appteyninge three fielde called Tynkers Crofte lyinge together adioyninge on the southeste and southeside of the same house on mess: wth a garden in the tenure of Xpofer Mynshull wth all &c. like as they were purchased of my cozin Roger Brooke for her naturall liefe she payinge the chefe rente goinge oute of the same viz: to John Egerton esquire for cheife p anñ ij^s viij^d Richarde M^rson [Maisterson] genť cheife p anñ vj^s viij^d Richarde Hassall genť chief p anñ xxiiij^s Richarde Wallthall geñ chief p anñ ij^s vj^d I give &c. unto my wief [for life] all my lande in Wolston woode called Marchforde grounde conteyninge five fieldes and two meadowes wth a new barne and withall profitte &c. savinge and excepte the woode of the same grounde wherof I will that she shall take yearlye but onlye three quarters for the better pservation of the same whiche lande are all holden in socage tenure free and withoute cheife rente painge yearelye to my sonne and heire xxvj^s viij^d beinge the olde accustomed rent I give &c. unto my wieff all that porcon of lande in Alvaston and Willaston whiche I doe nowe occupye and those fyve ffeilde in Worleston late in the tenure of Roger Wallthall genť and Thomas Mynshull like as I boughte the same lande of Randall Manwaringe of Peever esquire for her liefe yeldinge the olde

accustomed rentte of the same lxviij^{s} viij^{d} p̣ anñ I give unto my wieffe sixe other mesuage or cotage in Nampwiche in the tenures of Hugh Stevens Roberte Coventree Thomas Wyrrell Thomas Harrysonn James Mynshull and Thomas Ithell and three other mesuage or cotage of the same lande in the tenures of Xp̄ofer Smythe Margret Manwaringe and Rauffe Topley and on other house to be builte for John Manwaringe my yonger sonn and twoe gardens belonginge to the same p̣cell of the lande wch I boughte of Henrye Manwaringe and twelve leade wallinge wth the bryne and grounde therto belonginge like as the same was purchased of Henrye Manwaringe of Chester [for her] liefe she payinge the cheife rente viz: to th'erl of Derbye chefe p̣ anñ vij^{s} Sr Hughe Cholmondeley knight cheife p̣ anñ x^{s} Rog^{r} Mainwaring I give &c. unto my wyffe twoo other howses and gardens wth a litle pece of waste sometime called the Mixon in the church lane in Namptewiche in the tenures of wydowe Cartewrighte and wydowe Wrighte duringe her liefe payinge the chiefe rente to Sr John Savage knight p̣ anñ iij^{s} allsoe all my parte of those lande and gardens called Masons yardes in Nampwiche in the tenures of Richarde Johnson Rauffe Wilson Randall Wrighte George Cloes William Dun the wydowe Dune the widowe Seneholde and Ales Saevile likeas the same were boughte of Edwarde Lee of Russhall esquire ffor her leife the same beinge all oute of lease to sett at her will and holden in free socage tenure painge the olde accustomed rentte for the same unto my sonne and heire viz: over and beside ij^{s} viij^{d} of that rent and purchase beinge in th'ande of my cosin Richarde M^{r}son vj^{s} ij^{d} Unto my saide wiefe one tenñte in Copnall in the tenure of Randall Bolte wth all the lande &c. for her lieff yeldinge to my sonne and heire x^{s} viij^{d} p̣ anñ And the saide Randall Bolte my tenñte is bounde by his lease to psie the chiefe rente goinge oute of the same to Mr Varneham [Vernon] of Haslington vj^{s} viij^{d} I give unto my wyffe for liefe all those cheiffe rente wch I purchased of Edwarde Lee esquire wthin the towne of Namp-

wiche to be received yearlie viz: of (*sic*) for a chiefe rent oute of a howse and xij leads of the Earle of Derbie's land p anñ vj^{s} Thomas Smithe esq^{r} for cheife v^{s} the same Thomas for cheife oute of a house of his in the tenure of Randall Manwaringe vij^{s} Richarde Halsall gent chefe p anñ xxx^{s} iiij^{d} John Crewe of Hassall p anñ viij^{s} iiij^{d} Richarde Weever chefe out of his house and lande nexte Rycharde Meakins in Beamestrete in the Namptewiche vj^{d} Rog^{r} Mainwaring I give unto my wieffe three howses wth gardens in the tenures of Ellen Hardinge widowe (*sic*) Crewe and Richard Crowshaw in Nampwiche duringe her lieff she paying the ffee farme rente to Rog^{r} Wetnall yerelye v^{s} also twoo other howses in the Beamestrete in the tenures of Richard Marshall and John Alcocke wth their gardens during her lieffe payinge the ffee farme rente unto Randall Mainwaringe of Pever esquier of x^{d} p anñ I give unto my wieffe the use &c. of the thirde parte of the psonage of Grenock wth the thirde pte of all the tithe corne of the townes of Milton Killfalghan Cookestown Chappell Midway and Ballyebyn in the counties of Dublin and Methe wthin the realme of Ireland for lieff she painge all rente &c. wch saied psonage is holden of the quenes ma^{ty} by twoo leases for ffoure score and eleven yeares begun the vijth of August 1587 the one lease beinge boughte of Turloughe McCabe and the other from Thoms Maisterson my ffather in law for lx yeares then nexte in reverc̃on and after her deathe then the remainder shall descend unto my sonne and heire aparent wth the wholl rem̃ of all my estate I give &c. unto Thomas M. my yongest sonne my beste silver pott being all guilte and also my beste sworde for a token of remembrance and ffive pounde yerelie during his lieff the same to be taken out of all the lande &c. wch I have lefte unto my sonne and heire apparant And I will that the some of one hundred pounde shalbe paid unto the said Thoms M. out of suche goode as hereafter is given unto my said sonn and heire when he shall come to his full age and that in the meane tyme hee shall have the benefite of that

some for his better furniture and mainetenance to scole and lerninge untill hee come to age Rog^{r} Mainwaring I give unto Richarde M. my eldest sonne all suche howses lands &c. as are before geven unto my wiefe after her deathe or decease oute of this mortall lief to the same Richarde M. and his heires for ev̄ allsoe two messuage in Beamestrete in the Namptwiche the one called the Sarasens hed in the tenure of Randall Manwaringe and the other nexte adioyninge to it in the tenure of Thom̄s Claie payinge the yearlie cheife to Sr Hughe Cholmundeley knight p̄ ann̄ iiij^{s} I give unto hym one other house in the same strete wherin my mother dwelleth duringe her liefe nexte the horsemylle of Henrye Manwaringe of Carinch'm esquier payinge (after my mothers decease) the cheife rente to Rycharde Wallthall gent̄ p̄ ann̄ iiij^{s} To my sonn Richarde my lease of a wichouse and xij lead holden of St Warburge of Chester as alsoe one other lease of the same taken in rev̄c̄on of Rycharde Dutton of Chester for lx yeares and the rev̄c̄on of all the tythes in Wigsterson and Weston &c. for terme of lx yeares as are granted unto me from the saide Rycharde Dutton I give unto my sonn Rycharde M. my lease of one wiche house and sixe lead wallinge wth the grounde &c. holden of William Lawton esquire and Marye his wiefe payinge to the saide William Lawton esq^{r} p̄ ann̄ xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} and to Sr John Savage knight for a cheife rente goinge out of the same lead p̄ ann̄ iij^{s} iiij^{d} Unto my saide sonne on wiche house and xviij lead holden of Henrye Manwaringe of Carincham esquier and all suche debt as the same Henrye M. oweth unto me in the right of Oliver Manwaringe my grandfather wch debt are now lawfullye descended unto me as executor to John M. my father whoe was executor unto my saide grandefather That yf the saide Henrye Manwaringe esquier doe not deale frindelie and favourablie wth my saide sonne in the holdinge and continewance of the saide wiche house and xviij lead wallinge then my sonne to call and sue for the saide debte owinge unto me And yf the saide Henrye M. doe deale

lovinglye and frendlye wth my sonne in sufferinge hym to occupye and enioye the saide wallinge that then he shall nev̄ sewe nor demannde the saide debte for that we be of his name and kindred and have bene longe and aunciente tenante of the same wallinge to hym and his auncestors Rog^r Mainwaring Unto my sonne Richarde one other lease granted unto Olyver Manwaringe my grandefather from the late Abbotte and Cōvente of Combermeyre for iiij^xx yeares of a waste pece of ground by the name of a meadowe the same beinge nowe in a garden plotte in the occupac̄on of Rauffe Wilson and now beinge the landes of Thom̄s Wilbrah^am of Woodhey esquier and on other lease of on tenemente in Leighton now in myne owne hande and occupac̄on and George Wevers the same beinge holden of Hughe and Sampson Erdeswicke esquiers I give unto my sonne Richarde one other lease in rev̄tion of one litle messuage wth all the landes &c. in Willaston and adioyninge to the comon called Beameheathe yet in the tenures of Rycharde Madoxe and John Shippman like as the same is granted unto me from John Bressye of Tuerton by the saide lease in rev̄c̄on for xl^tie yeares I give unto my sonne Rycharde fyve fieldes or pastures of lande wth one meadowe and a litle woode or bache in Hurlestone and Stoke now in the tenure of Roger Wrighte wch I boughte of John Poole esquier I give unto my sonne Rycharde M. the lease of the personage of Whitforde in the countye of fflinte wth all manner of tythes &c. he payinge all rente &c. wherof I will that very good heede and regarde be had for savinge and p̄servac̄on of the saide lease from forfeiture or any other incombrannce for that the p̄ties be dangerous and readye to take anye advantage Unto my sonne Rycharde one other howse in Beamestreate wth the garden in the tenure of Richarde Meakyn payinge the chiefe rente to Thomas Wilbrah^am of Woodhey esquire p̄ anñ iiij^s Rog^r Mainwaring I give unto my sonne Richarde and to the heires males of his bodie the rev̄c̄on of all my lande and tenemente in Hatherton als Hadderton w^thin the countie of Chester in as lardge

manner as I bought the same landꝭ of ffrancis and Maria Corbett and Sr Edwarde Phiton knighte as it appithe more at lardge in the deedꝭ &c. and in the book of entrees of all my evedences where also is entred certein speciall notꝭ and matters for the avoidinge of doubtꝭ and controversees hereafter Unto my eldeste sonne one lease in reverc̃on of a tenement in Hurleston boughte of Phillippe Manwaring and holden of Sr John Savage knighte for xxj yeares nexte in revercion after the deathe of Wiłłm Austen nowe tenannte of the same duringe his lieff Unto my saied eldeste sonne and heire one burgage in Berwick upon Tweed lyinge neare unto the northweste gate of pallace wthin the saied towne of Berwicke wch saied house was purchased and morgaged for debte dulye owinge unto me by Roberte Arderne gent̃ customer of the same towne and the same is fforfeited unto me divers yeares sithence the seekinge for the possession whereof hathe bene omytted and delaied by reason of my service and goinge into Ireland and is to be recovered at all tymes by virtue of his deedes of bargaine and sale thereof made unto me I geve unto my sonne and heire one lease grannted unto me by one Hubberte Bray Mark Redmond chieffe of his nacion of the manner and castell of Ballye Ellye in the ꝑvince of Conoughte and in the countie of (*sic*) wthin the realme of Ireland together wthall other townes landꝭ profectꝭ and comodities graunted unto me in the same lease for xxj yeares painge therfore twoo shillingꝭ yearelie rent and suche other duties &c. to the said Hubberte and his heires together wth one bonde of one thowsande poundꝭ for the ꝑformance of all the covenantꝭ conteyned in the same lease "Roger Mainwaring" I give &c. unto my sonne Rycharde M. my greate cheyne of goulde withall my gonlde buttons and all myne apparell belonginge unto myne owne bodye and all manner of swordꝭ daggers weapons and armor whatsoever and alsoe all my bookes imprinted or written and all my wrytingꝭ and evidencꝭ and alsoe on iron bounde chiste wherin all my saide evidencꝭ and deedꝭ now be kepte and on other cheste of

inbowed worke of wallnutte tree beinge a Frenche cheste gotten at Newhaven warres and three truncke for the salfe kepinge of the ꝑmisses and also my blacke armor beinge of prouff the same to be especiallie kepte and reserved as an heirlome for him and his heires because the same is made of verye principall good mettaell and lighte and easye for carriage beinge made for myne owne bodye Allsoe the one halfe of all my plate guilte or unguilte whatsoeṽ and the vj litle spoones of silver whiche my grandfather Olyver Manwaringe left and gave unto me in his laste will And I give unto hym likewise the one halfe of all my householde stuffe viz: beddinge lynnen of all manner of sorte and woollen whatsoever Alsoe the on halfe of all the pewter and brasse and iron worke as spittes golburnes racke and suche like And for all the bedstede bourdes stooles cubberdes and tables and all other wainscotte worke glasse iron barres in the wyndowes and suche like I will that the same shall remaine still in my house to the use of my saide wiefe for her better furniture of the howse duringe her liefe and afterwardes the same to remaine unto my saide sonne wth the howse togeather not impaired nor diminyshed by an inventory therof to be ꝑfectlie made and taken and not valued nor appraised (Rog^r^ Manwaring) I give unto my saide wiefe all her chaynes of goolde jewells ringe billimente and all apparell belonginge to her owne bodye whatsoeṽ and the other halfe of all my plate guilte or plaine and the one halfe of all my howseholde stuffe viz. beddinge &c. and the one halfe of all my pewter brasse and ironworke as spitte &c. And for the reste of my chestes coffers and other kinde of howseholde stuffe I will that the same shalbe equallie devyded betwene my sonne Rycharde and my wiefe I give unto my other yonger sonne John M. on hundred poundes and I give unto hym for a token of remembrance my best ringe of goulde or signet of armes and further the some of sixe poundе of an yearlye anūytye Unto my sonne John M. twoe howses lyinge togeather in the Beamestreete the one called Cheynye Halle wherin

Mr Edwardꝭ the surgeon dwelte and the other in the tenure of my aunte Alice Crokett wydowe beinge pcell of the landꝭ purchased of my cosen Henrye Manwaringe of Chester And yf my saide sonne John M. have anie sonne lawfully begotten then the same howses together wth the twoe greate gardens on the backside of the same purchase shall remaine aswell to the same John M. as alsoe to his eldeste sonne for theire liefes yeldinge yearlie five shillingꝭ to my son and heire "Rogr Mainwaring" And also the same John M. and his sonn (yf God send hym anye) payinge yearlye also for the saide two howses and gardens twoo good fatt capons at the feaste of x̄pmas yearlye unto the saide Rycharde M. and his heires for the full rente of the same yf the same capons be lawfullie demanded And ffurther my will is that yf my wyfe will keape my sonne John M. to his learninge and schole untill he shalbe hable and of yeares meete to goe to anye of the univ̄sities of Cambrige or Oxforde that then she shall have the use and kepinge of the saide hundred poundes and all other his saide legacꝭ and porc̄ons shee puttinge in good bandꝭ and assurance for the same to his use untill he shalbe sett oute to the univ̄setye or innes of courte or service and then afterwardes yf the same stocke of monye maye be layde oute for som resonable consideration (likas it is used in the chamber of London for orphantꝭ goodes) and that upon good assurance for his better reliefe and maintenn̄ce to lerninge untill he shall come to the age of xxjtie yeares, or be maried by the consente of his mother and myne executors &c. "Rogr Mainwaring" I give &c. unto Mary M. my eldeste doughter twoo hundreth poundes with this promyse and condic̄on that yf she doe or shall willfullye bestowe her selfe in mariage withoute the especiall license and consente of her own mother and some one of myne executors that then my saide doughter Mary shall forfette and lose one hundreth poundes of the som̄e above mentioned and the same to be taken and devyded equallye amongeste all the reste of my children Alsoe I doe in like manner give &c. unto my other

daughter Margarett M. twoo hundred poundę and wth like condiĉon and promyse My will is that yf my wyfe will keape my daughters and bring them uppe in vertue and learninge that then she shall have the use and custodye of these saide sevall porĉons for there better maiutenñce and charge untill they shalbe maried or come to the full age of xxj^tie yeares puttinge good bandę and assurance for the same &c. And otherwyse yf they shall goe to service or lerninge abrode that then there said porĉons to be put oute and used for some resonable comoditye (like as is used wth orphantę goodę in the chamber of London) for there better maintenñce and fyndinge wth dyet and apparrell like as before for my sonne John is rehersed And further yf it shall please Almtghtye God that my saide daughters or either of them shall dye or depte oute of this mortall lyfe before they shalbe maryed or come to the age of xxj^tie yeares then I will that her pte or porĉons soe dyinge shall remaine to the reste of my saide children then livinge as it shall please Almightye God to appointe to be equallie devided &c. "Rog^r Mainwaring" Also my will and desier is that Thomas Brooke esq^r and Thoms Case myne executors wth the consent of my wieff will appointe some honeste trustye pson to take and receive the yearelie renttę and pfectę of the said landę tenem^tę &c. bequeathed unto my eldeste sonne and heire and the same to (be) savelie kepte and accompted for to his pper use and behoofe yearlie untill he shall come unto his age of xxj yeares ffor the better pformance of all the guiftę legacies &c. wherewithe hereafter he is to be charged when he shall come to his full age allowing unto him in the meane time the some of twentie poundę yearlie as a stipende out of the said livingę for his maintenñce to scole and lerninge and afterwardę if he shall go to the univsitie or innes of courte as my will is then to have some larger porĉon as they shall think mete And my will is that he that shall receve all the renttę and pfectę of my saied sonn &c. and shall yearlie make a juste and trewe accompte therof and that this ptie

accomptannt shalbe well paid and recompensed for his paines and travell therin as my said wieff and executors shall thinke meete and reasonable I give &c. unto my nephewe Alexander Mainwaring sextene pounde xiij^{s} iiij^{d} and to John Mainwaring his basterd brother three pounde vj^{s} viij^{d} making in all twentie pounde xx^{li} Unto my suster Anne Swinglehurste twenty nobles and to all the reste of her children the some of ffive marke x^{li} Unto my brother Thoms Minshull one angell of golde for a token and to my neese Margarett his doughter fourtye shillinge l^{s} I give unto my welbeloved cosen Roger Brooke for a token of remembrance one angell of golde x^{s} Unto my cosen Jane Broke my unckle Rogers doughter now rem̃ maried in Ireland to (*sic*) a vicar in St. Patricke Churche xx^{s} I give unto my cosens Robert Croket the elder tailor tenne shillinge and to Pnell Brooke my unckle John Brooke doughter tenne shillinge xx^{s} "Rog^{r} Mainwaring" Alsoe I give &c. unto my very speciall frende and Mr Sr Valentyne Browne knighte[1] twooe angells of goulde to make hym a ringe for a token of remembrance of my love and dutie towarde him xx^{s} I give unto my very good frendes Sr Edwarde ffitton knighte and Randle Manwaringe of Pever esq^{r} eache of them the like gyfte of like purpose in token of remembrance and good will towarde them the same to be made in two ringe xl^{s} Unto my trustye and welbeloved cosen Thomas Brooke of Norton esquire (whom I have afterwarde in th'end of this my will chosen to be one of myne executors) one portegue of goulde for a token of my speciall love truste and good will to hym lxx^{s} Unto Thoms Maistersonn esquire my faithfull ffather in lawe and good frend on portegewe of goulde for a like token of remembrance and to my mother in lawe Katheryne his wyfe twoe angells of goulde to be made in a ringe wth my name in it to be sente unto her into Irelande iiij^{li} x^{s} Unto my cosen and

[1] In the original this bequest is cancelled, and in the margin is written "Voide by his deathe."

trustye frende Mr Thom̄s Case of Chester (whome I have alsoe chosen to be one of myne executors) on portegue of goulde and to my good lovinge cosen Dorothye his wyfe on angell of goulde for tokens of remembrance iiij^li^ Unto my cosen Henrye Manwaringe of Chester twoe angellꝭ of goulde to make hym a ringe for a token of remembrance xx^s^ Unto my cosen John Wettenhall of Yorkeshire on angell To his brother William Wettenhall on angell and to my cozen Gabriell Wettenhall one angell for tokens of good will and remembrance xxx^s^ To Anne M^r^son [Maisterson] my cozen and servante ffouer poundꝭ and more to be devided amongste all my servantꝭ ffortye shillingꝭ vj^li^ And lastlie I give &c. to be geven and distributed amongst the poore people my neighbors in the towne of Namptwiche the daye of my buriall by the discresion of myne executors the som̄e of (blank) "Rog^r^ Mainwaring" All whiche sayde severall guyftꝭ and legacys in monie before ꝑticulerlye mentioned do amount to the som̄e of CCCCCC^li^ I will shalbe taken oute of suche other goodꝭ as I shall leave pn̄telye behynde me at the tyme of my deathe oute of this mortall lyfe and not before geven or bequeathed And then all the reste of my worldlye goodꝭ and substance to be equallye devyded betwene my wyfe Margaret M. and Rycharde M. my eldeste sonne "Rog^r^ Mainwaring" And furthermore I will that my eldeste sonne and heire shall give oute of his ꝑte of goodes soe before to hym geven on hundred markes a pece unto eache of my daughters Marye and Margarette for there better ꝑferrmente at the tyme of there mariage Alsoe I give the some of ffower shillings ev̄ye yeare for ever to be given and distributed to xij of the pooreste and eldeste poore ffolkꝭ of my nexte neighbours in Namptwiche after on grote a pece as a token of my love charitie and almes to them and the same almes to be allwayes soe geven unto them upon everie good ffrydaye nexte before Ester yerelye especiallie upon that daye aswell in token of my stedfaste and faithfull beliefe of the most precious deathe passion and resurec̄ion of Jesus Christe myne onlie Savior

and Redemer as also in the remembrance and thankę to hyme for the birth of myne eldeste sonn Richarde M. who was borne into the worlde upon that day at the castle of ffernes in Irelande wch was in the yeare of o^r^ saide Lorde and Savior 1577 where his grandfather Thomas Maisterson now dwelleth "Roger Mainwaring" Also I will that my wieff my suster Beck bothe my doughters and Anne M^r^son [Maisterson] shall have mourninge gownes at my buriall and that the men that be either myn executors or ellę overseers shall have mourninge clokę so many of them as will come to my buriall havinge knowledge and warninge of the same and all my men servantę to have blacke coatę I will that six of the eldeste and pooreste honeste men of Namptwich shall have eche of them a blacke frise gowne at my said buriall and that there be a sermon the same tyme by some good preacher and that all chardgę therof and of my funerall dyner and all other chardgę appteyninge to the same shalbe borne at the costę and chardgę of my wieff and sonne equallie betwene them And my desier is that my bodie maye be entred entombed and buried at the upper ende of the highe chauncell on the northe este side or end of the same above the door called the revestry door w^th^in the churche of Namptwich nere unto that corner of the chancell and close to the wall of the churche and that the outside and both the endes of the grave may be raised wth a good foundac̃on of bricke from the verye botome of the grave the better to support and beare the marbell pillars and the greate tombe stone of marble that came out of Ireland as the mason shall best devise the same to be strong and sure for that great weight as it may continue and that the brick woork above the grounde be colored wth black and stronge sise for the more seemelynes and kepinge the cullor of the same in like sorte to continue in ꝑfec̃on "Roger Mainwaring" I will that there be a litell tombe or table of brasse to be made at London wheron shalbe written the daie and yeare of our Lorde of my decease out of this lieff and also what yssue or children

I then hadd wth all their severall names and the same table of brasse to be sett in a faire stone in the church wall even righte over the verie middeste of my said tombe stone and that all the chardge of the same shalbe paied by my sonne and heire aparant out of suche porc̃on of goode and livinge as is assigned unto him and that the same be very well wroughte and done at London by the oversighte of my wieff and executors I will that if it so please Almightie Godd that all my sonnes do happen to die w^thout yssue lawfullie begotten that then my saied eldeste doughter Marye shall have my said chieff dwelling house at Namptew^ch townesend wth all my lande &c. to her and heires lawfull for ever she paing unto her other suster or susters the some of six hundred m̃ke w^thin the space of twoo yeares "Roger Mainwaring" And I doe make my cozin Thom̄s Brooke of Norton esquire my lovinge wieff Margarett M. and my lovinge and trustye frend Thom̄s Case of Chester to be myne executors even as those whome I love and truste beste of all this worlde and I desire that Sr Edwarde ffitton knighte and Randall Manwaringe of Pever esquier be overseers and that the same will may be proved and p̣fected w^thin fortye dayes nexte after my decease "Roger Mainwaring" And further I will that my saide overseers shall have mourninge cloke yf they or anye of them please to be there and doe come to my buriall And alsoe my brother in lawe Thomas Mynshull in like manner to have a cloke yf he be at my buriall And yf it shall happen that any of my executors or overseers shall take any travell or paines charge or expenses for the aunsweringe of anye matter or cawse in lawe &c. that then ther travell paines and charge shalbe recompensed as my executors and ov̄seers shall thinke meete and resonable and the same to be taken oute of my eldest sonns lyvinge and porc̃ons "Roger Mainwaring" And lastelye my will is that yf my wyfe or any other named in this will shall not like of there porc̃ons geven unto them and yf she or they shall breake or alter any parte of the same contrarye to my verye true meaninge

and appointemente that then she or they soe doinge shall forfaite there whole porc̃ons and then she or they soe doinge to take suche ꝑte and porc̃on onlye as the lawes of this realme will give and allow them "Roger Mainwaring" In witnes &c. and for the better authoritie and suer ꝑformance of the same I Rog^r Mainwaring have subscribed and affixed my seale unto this my laste will conteyninge seaventene leaves of paper all written on bothe side the leafe the xviij^th daye of Aprill Anno Dñi 1589 and in the xxxj^th yeare of the reigne of o^r moste gracyous sovẽeigne ladye Quene Elizabeth &c. whome God blesse and ꝑserve longe over us Amen ꝑ me Rog̃ Mainwaring Witnesses hereof Thomã Case Richard Manwaringe Raphe Lancton Walter Welbie Laurence Wright.

THE WILL OF ADAM RAWSTORNE OF THE LUMM, GENT.[1]

IN the nayme &c. The thredde daye of Januarye in the yere of o^r Lord God MDlvj [1556-7] I Adm̃ Rowstron of the Loome w^tin the com̃ of Lanc̃ gent̃ sycke in bodye but holle and ꝑfycte in rem̃brance praysed be God do ordyne and make my layst wyll &c. ffyrst I beqwethe my soyll to God the ffayth^r Almyghtye to be opteyned in to evlaystynge glorye through the merytes of his welbeloved son Jesu Cryst Secondlye I wyll my bodye to be buryede w^tin the ꝑche churche of Burye Thredlye as concernỹg all my wordlye gudde cattels and dettes I wyll and beqweth them aft̃ my dettes payde to be dystrybuted in too equall ꝑtes the one ꝑt to me the sayd Adam Rowstorn and the other ꝑte to Ellon my wyfe and

[1] Proved 6th July 1562. Adam, son of Henry Rawstorne of Lumm gent. married a daughter of . . . . . Bradshaw, by whom he had a son and heir Richard Rawstorne (see his will, *Wills and Inventories*, portion ii. p. 168), Elizabeth, wife of Ralph Nuttall, and Margaret, wife of Richard Brook. — From the Family Pedigree.

of that pte ptaynyng to me the sayd Adm̄ my funall expenses fyrst dyscharged I beqwethe yrof unto Ryc̄ Brucke xli to Rog̃ Brucke xli to Thom̄s Brucke xli Unto ev̄ chylde that I am grande fayther unto iijs iiijd To ev̄y chylde that I ham godfayther unto one lambe I gyfe &c. unto Ryc̄ Rawstorn my holdest son and heyre ten heyre loomes upon condyc̄on and intent that he the sayd Ryc̄ maye leyve and gyffe the sayme ov̄ agane at his decesse unto his heyres that is to saye one grett hooke one grett potte one wayne one ploghe one haroe too yooke wth yryne slynges one yryne spytte sexh silver spones one sydde burde and too stande bedstockes I beqwethe to Rawfe Holt ijs to Jamys (*sic*) ijs to Rog̃ Wyttaker ijs and furthm̄ what so ev̄ remeyneth of my pt of guddes &c. the same to remayne to the sayd Ellon my wyfe and to hyr assignes for ev̄ And fynyally I ordyne and mayke Alexand̄ Bradshaye of the Byrches and the sayd Ellon my wyfe my executors unto the wyche sayd Alexandr I beqwethe xiijs iiijd for hys paynes And more ov̄ I mayke my cosyn Lawrence Rawstorn[1] to be supvyser of ys p̄sent my layst wyll and testement unto the wych sayd Lawrence I will and beqwethe xiijs iiijd towardes his paynes And for the more pformac̄on hereof I the sayd Adam R. to the p̄sentes have mayde my signe or crosse wt my hawne hande Thes wyttenes Lawrence Rawstorn gent Ryc̄ Rawstorn gent Thom̄s Holden curett Hen̄ Cawppe and Ric̄ Nuttowe yemen wt othm̄ This is the dette that I hooe To the chappell reyves of Aydenfelde so longhe as Goddes servys shalbe maneteyned ȳ xls And for the defawt and lacke of suche serves to the ryght heyre of me the sayd Adm̄ Rawstorn for ev̄ Thes are the dettes that are hoyng to me Geffarye Lomax of Pylworth vjli xiijs iiijd Wyllyham Marche yongher xxxs Executors and admynystrators of Robt Bolton gent xxxs Ryc̄ Hydson of Worstorn xls.

[1] Lawrence Rawstorne of Newhall gent. (son of William, brother of the testator,) purchased Hutton from the crown 37 Henry VIII. He was ancestor of the Rawstornes of Newhall and Penwortham.

THE WILL OF HENRY CHETHAM OF CRUMPSALL, GENT.[1]

IN the name of God amen The 6 March 1602 [1602–3] I Henry Cheetam of Crumsalle in the pishe of Manchester gent̃ being (amongst manie other causes) moved wth the consideracõne of th'uncertaintie of the lief of all men but especiallie of myne owne lief the rather by reason of myne olde age and the manyfolde infirmities of my bodye doe in my pfect and sounde memorie and understandinge make this my last will and testam^t^ in maner and forme followinge First I comend my soule into the hands of Almightie God surelie trustinge throughe the merits of his Sonne my Savio^r^ Jesus Christ that he will receyve the same into his kingdome when yt shall please him to call me from this mortall lief I will my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche of Manchester in suche comelie sort as to myne executor shal be thought convenyante All my goods and chattells wch God of his bounteous liberalitie hathe here bestowed

[1] Proved 4th May 1603. Henry Chetham of Crumpsall, gent., married Jane, daughter of Robert Wroe of Heaton, yeoman, by whom he had seven sons and two daughters: 1. James of Crumpsall, gent., buried at the Collegiate Church 1st July 1654, from whom descended the Chethams of Clayton, Smedley, &c. 2. Edmund Chetham, M.A., High Master of the Free Grammar School, Manchester, will dated 28th December 1602, buried at the Collegiate Church January 1602–3; 3. George of Clayton, bap, 12th May 1576, married Isabel, daughter of James Chetham of Nuthurst, gent. He made his will 29th June 1626, and dying without issue was buried 5th January 1626–7. 4. Symon, bap. 9th April 1579, living 1602–3. 5. Humphrey, the Founder, bap. 10th July 1580, and buried 12th October 1653. 6. Ralph, buried 3rd January 1583–4. 7. Ralph of Manchester, linen draper, bap. 20th February 1591–2, married (licence dated 27th August 1618) Margaret, daughter of Adam Smith of Manchester, and died at St. Albans, having made his will 11th May 1629, which was proved at Chester in 1630; 1. Anne, who married first Daniel Travis of Blackley, and secondly Roger Kay of Blackley; and 2. Alice, bap. 26th September 1585, and was living in 1654. The testator was buried at the Collegiate Church 1st May 1603.

uppon mee I gyve as followeth that ys to saie as of right belonginge one full thirde part thereof I reserve unto my selffe one other third ꝑte thereof I allowe unto Jane[1] my lovinge wief and the other last thirde ꝑte thereof I allowe unto my children George Humfrey Raffe and Alice onelie (the rest of my children vidz[t] Symond and Anne being thereof alreadye satisfied and paide) I give my thirde ꝑte as followeth To my daughter Anne the wief of Daniell Travis fower poundes To all the children of my sonne James w[ch] shal be borne and lyvinge at the time of my death sixe shillings eight pence a peece To my servannte Raphe Cheetam sixe shillings eight pence Whereas M[r] John Dee warden of the colledge of Christ in Manchest[r] heretofore borrowed of my sonne Edmunde Cheetam[2] deceassed (whose executor I am) the some of tenn pounds and for securitie of repaym[t] thereof and of lawfull consideraco̅ne for the forbearance of the same the saide M[r] Dee delyvered to my saide sonne sixe seuall ꝑcells of plate to be keept as a payne or pledge for the same w[ch] by reason of my saide executorshippe are nowe come to my possession nowe touchinge the same my will ys and I gyve to my saide sonnes Humfrey and Raphe the saide so̅me of tenne pounds wth all the saide consideraco̅ne due and to be due from the forbearance thereof and wth all advantags and ꝑfitts thereuppon growinge or arisinge when and as the same shall or may be lawfullie gotten or obteyned All the rest of my saide third ꝑte of goods after my funerall expences discharged I gyve th'one halfe to my wief and th'other halfe to my said children Alice and Ralphe equallie to be divided betwixt them Nevertheles this my gyfte and bequeast unto my said wief of the saide halfe ꝑte of the said rest and residewe of my saide thirde

[1] She made her will 19th August 1616, and was buried at the Collegiate Church 27th October of the same year.

[2] "1600 December 20th, borrowed of Mr. Edmund Chetam, the scholemaster, £10 for one yere uppon plate, two bowles, two cupps with handles, all silver, waying all 32 oz. Item, two potts with cover and handells, double gilt within and without, waying 16 oz." — Dr. John Dee's *Diary*, p. 64, printed by the Camden Society.

pte of goodes is uppon this trust and confidence in her reposed that shee my said wief by her act executed in her lief time or by her last will and testam^t shall gyve and bestowe the same halfe pte uppon the children betwixt us of our bodyes begotten or uppon some one or more of them as shee in her lykinge and discretione shal thinke good And for as muche as if yt please God that my wief shall after my deathe be maried that then her power maie be taken a waie to pforme the same trust Therefore I desire her as my trust is in her to provide for and make suche means as securities before she shall so marie that the said truste may be pformed accordinge to the trewe intent and meaninge of this my last will and testam^t so as by the lawes of this realme shal be sufficiente I appointe the tuiĉon of my saide children Raphe and Alice and of all theire goods unto my said wief untill theie shall come to [the] age of one and twentie yeres I appoint my said wief to be sole executor trustinge shee will trulie pforme the same I appointe my lovinge friends James Wroe and Thomas Heape of the pishe of Prestw^ch to be supvisors In wyttnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first above wrytten.

THE WILL OF CHRISTOPHER GOODMAN, MINISTER OF GOD'S WORD.[1]

IN Dei nomine Amen I Christopher Goodman the unworthie servant of God and minister of his holye worde doe make this my laste will and testament this 22 February 1602 [1602–3] in mane^r and forme followinge ffirst knowinge my selfe to be mortall and the tyme uncertayne when it will please Almightye God to call for me out of this vale of miserye beinge nowe aged and weake in

[1] Proved December 1603.

bodie but yet praysed be God of pfecte memorye doe comitt my selfe wholye to the handꝭ of God my heavenlye father in our Lord Jesus Christe wth assured hope that he will receave my soule (through the merits of his beloued sonne) into the bosome and reste of Abraham Isack and Jacob when it shall depte from this earthly tabernacle My bodie in like hope of a joyfull resurrection I bequethe to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried by my wives corpes in the pishe church termed St. Bridgets to wch sd pishe I give xxli for a yeareley stocke for ev̄ to set the poore one worke eyther by spyninge and cardinge of lynen or wollen and the sd some of xxli to be cōitted by the discretion of my executors to some one or two honeste men of the same pishe that will be bound to set the poore of that pishe one worke and that will alowe the sd poore well and resonablye for theire labour as charitye dothe require and he or they that shall have the same so comitted unto them to take the whole benefitte therof in respecte of their labour and paynes for and duringe soe longe tyme as mye sd executors and heires shall thinke cōveniēt and as they sd psons shall well and truelye imploye the same accordinge to this mye intent and purposse and not longer but in neclecte therof to let others have it in the sd pishe that will truelye pforme the same I give to the poore of the sd pishe to be distributed at their howses the daye of mye buriall accordinge to the discretion of mye executors wth the assistance of some honest of the pishe beste acquaynted wth the poore therof the some of fortye shillingꝭ I give &c. to the maior and citizens of the cittie of Chester and their successors for ev̄ the some of xxvli to wardes a stocke and yearelye pvision of corne to serve the cittye and to keepe downe the market and to releave the poore namelye in a dearthe and scarcitye of corne wch sd some of xxvli shall be deliv̄ed by the maior and aldermen his brethren to some one or tow fathyfull and godleye citizens wch will be carefull to pvide corne at the best hand that if a dearthe come it maye then serve for the benifite of the poore citizens at a lesse rate then the

ordinarye prices rassinge some ꝑfitt towardes the paÿes [pains] of such as shalbe appoynted therunto wch I doe of that smale stipend God hathe lent me in hope that others heareafter of better meanes maye be induced to augment the same to the furtherance therof I give &c. unto the children of mye sister in lawe Mrs Jenens x^li^ and likewise to the children of my sister in lawe Mrs Peele als Wethers other x^li^ accordinge to the minde and desire of mye lovinge wife wch moneye mye minde is shall be delivꝑed to mye sonne in lawe Mr George Gale of Crediton w^th^in the countie of Devon esq^r^ or to his wife mye daughter his wife Mrs Katheren Gale to be bestowed uppon the s^d^ children accordinge to their good discretions I give &c. unto my sonne in lawe Mr George Gale and my daughter his wife mye downe bed in the streete chamber next mye studye withe the matris bolster . . . . . pillowe beare towe wth blankettꝭ and one of greene and mye best coveringe vj fayer quessins wroughte one greene carpet of brodclothe wch coverethe the longest table in mye hall knowinge that theye will bestowe them uppon their daughters as they shall thinke best when occasion servethe I give unto my brother Mr John Goodman the drawinge table and the cubborde in the halle wth all the cheires and stooles in the house savinge to [two] little greene stooles that I have ꝑmised and doe give the one to widdow Leache and the other to goodwife Goodicar I give unto mye sister Alles late wife to one Gundry late of South Hampton the some of fiftie shillingꝭ To mye cossin Eliz. Tilston I give all that shee oweth me amountinge to the some of xjx^li^ or therabout as will appeare bye mye booke More ovꝑ I desire mye brother John to let her have the use of this house wherin I now am for some tyme untill shee maye cōvenientley ꝑvide her a place to dwell in I give unto my neace hir sister Bridgett Grimsdich the troncke wch I lent her To mye cossin Mrs Ellin ffitton the greate cheste in the streete chāber wch I boughte of hir father and gave him x^s^ for the same besides vij^s^ the locke and keye coste and the little table I leave to

her wch mye wives minde was shee should have To mye cossin hir husband the Booke of M^9^ters I give unto mye cossin Mr Willm Alderseye his wife the cheste now standinge at mye bedꝑ head and to him selfe mye best gowne and mye best payre of and irons and to his daughter Alles a stone jugge pott garnished wth silver wch is in the fores^d^ cheste I give unto mye cossin Katharin Jones the moneye her husband owethe my [me] beinge the some of viij^li^ and moreov^9^ I give unto her the x^s^ shillingꝑ in moneye and sixe silver spones she borrowed of mee To Jane Jennins and her tow sisters a mattres the beste I have wth blankettꝑ coveringe and boulster to the same for them to lye uppon at their fathers but if he will not ꝑmit the s^d^ Jane to lye in his house then mye minde is the s^d^ Jane shall [have] the s^d^ thingꝑ to hir owne use Wheras Christopher Chalner owethe me jx^li^ I give therof to his sonne John to make him a stocke the some of v^li^ and the residue I give to the s^d^ Christopher and his wife I give to Thomas Martin and Thom̄s Robinson th'one now at Oxford and th'other at the Univ^9^sity at Dublin in Ireland and to eyther of them the some of xxx^s^ viz. v^s^ a peace to eyther of them at th'anunciac̄on nexte and v^s^ to eyther of them at Midsom̄ next and th'other xx^s^ a peace to eyther of them towardes their exhibition for the yeare followinge and soe I praye God blesse them in their studies And touchinge the money Randall Iuet owethe me bye bill and otherwise beinge viij^li^ vj^s^ or therabout I wishe mye executors to doe their indeavours to ꝑcure the same and then to use their discretions in helpinge of his wife therw^th^ if God should call for hym And touchinge all the residue of mye houshold stuffe unbequethed I leave to be sould bye mye executors towardꝑ ye discharge of mye funerall expencꝑ and ꝑformance of this mye will And for mye librarye of bookes I leave to the orderinge and discretion of mye brother John G. and mye cossin Willm Alderseye whether they shall thinke better to sell them or to distribute the same to suche mye cossins as shall aplye themselves to learninge as to mye cossin Alderseye his sonnes

mye cossin ffitton his sonnes mye cossin Calcottę sones mye cossin Tilston his sonnes and other of mye kindred that give themselves to learninge espetialie to divinitie for wch my bokes best serve And for John Grimsdiche I give unto him fortie shillingę wherof xx^{s} is alreadie ꝑmised bye me to his m^{r} that nowe teachethe him to write and the other xx^{s} I wishe to be bestowed uppon him in reparell or other wayes towardes his charges if he goe to London to be prentize I alsoe wishe that he maye be removed from his mother soe soone as anye place can be ꝑvided for him Furthermore I give unto mye cossin Eliz. Tilston the some of iiij^{li} in moneye towardes the mayntenance of hirselfe and children and the better furtherance to get a place to be in To old Tittle I leave mye fryse cassocke and to Josephe mye man I give the some of xxx^{s} iiij^{d} to buye him a cote and some of mye apparell as a doblet a peayre of breaches and a payre of stockingę and to Sconce Sclator some of my ould apparell and doe forgive him that he owethe me ffurthermore I doe here ordeyne &c. mye loveinge brother Mr John Goodman and my good cossin Mr William Alderseye to be mye executo^{rs} and mye cossin Mr John ffitton to be an ovꝑseer of the same And in wytnes herof &c. In ꝑsence of John ffitton Willm Alderseye John Morgell.

There is further to be added as a coddisell these thingę followinge Firste I doe give the some of fiftye poundes wch is in mye brother John Goodman his handę towardes the releife of the distressed citizens of Geneva wherof I am a member Moreovꝑ I will that the xx^{li} Sr Thom̄s North owth me shalbe recovꝑed and that xv^{li} ꝑcell therof shalbe distributed to my three neaces the daughters of mye s^{d} brother John and th'other v^{li} th'one halfe therof to mye sister Alles and th'other to mye cossin Eliz. Tilston I give to the s^{d} Eliz. that remayne wch mye s^{d} brother John owth unto me in mye booke beinge about xiiij^{li} to the benifite and ꝑferment of hir children and not to paye anye ould or former debtę I give to those v maydes

whoe watche[1] wth me viz. Sara Jenins Jane Jennins Ellin Tilston Eliz. Callowe and Marye Callye x^s^ a peace And to Thoms Robinson I give Musculus uppon the Comon Plases And what one booke John Asbrooke desireth that I have not given alreadie to my cossin Hugh Alderseye or others mye will is he shall have I give unto my brother John mye seale wch I seale letters w^th^all and the tow cesterns of leade that are in the house And to Katharin wife to Richard Serle xx^s^ and to her sister M̃garet x^s^ In witnes &c. this 25th of Aprill 1603 John Goodman John ffitton Wiłłm Alderseye.

Alsoe sythens it is his minde and will that M^r^ Wiłłm Harrisone shall p̃che at his funerall and shall have x^s^ givin him Moreoṽ it is his will y^t^ Wiłłm Huchins shall have xx^s^ given towardes his exhibition and alsoe that Christopher Chalner shall have allowed him of the xxx^li^ that I Wiłłm Alderseye borrowed of mye uncle the some of x^li^ allowed him in ye redemption of his house from me if he will enter in covenante not to alinate and sell the house to anye other but to keepe the same to his owne use and his heyres.

THE WILL OF JAMES LIGHTBOWNE OF MANCHESTER, MERCHANT.[2]

IN the name &c. 26 March 1621 I James Lightbowne of Manchester in the county of Lancaster merchant being sick in body but of good and perfect memorie the Lord God be praised

[1] *i.e.* who sat up with him in his sickness, from which it might seem that he had had a long illness, and occasioned "those v. maydes," as another old testator making a similar bequest said, "many evil nights."

[2] The pedigree of this family was recorded at Dugdale's visitation. The widow of the testator married secondly January 30, 1626–7 John Dawson of Manchester, attorney-at-law, and was buried with her first husband in the Cathedral May 8, 1640.

therefore knowinge my bodie to bee mortall and death certeyne to evrie creature and the houre of death most vncerteyne beinge mynded to sett such landes and goodes in order for avoyding trouble hereafter as the Lord in his mercie hath bestowed on me doe proceed to make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge that is to witt first and principally I commend and bequeath my soule to Almightie God my Creator trusting by the precious death of Jesus Christ my Redemer and Holie Gost my sanctifyer to be an inheritor of the kingdome of heaven First as touchinge my burgage in the Mealegate in Manchester I devise the same unto John Lightbowne my eldest sonne and to his heires for ever provided alwayes that Elleanor my now wyfe shall enjoy the same till my said sonne shall accomplishe the age of one and twentie yeares and after [that] then shee shall enjoye the moyetie thereof duringe her lyfe Seacondly as touchinge my land in Stockport I devise the same [to] my executors to the intent that they shall sell it to the highest price and the money for which the land is sould I give the same in manner &c. that is to witt first I give and bequeath unto the said Elleanor my wyfe one hundred and fiftie poundes and the rest of the said money to be equally devyded amongst all my children And as touchinge such goodes as the Lord God hath blessed mee with all (after my debts paid and funerall expences discharged) I doe devyde the same into three equall pts whereof the first pte I reserve to myselfe to bee bestowed as hereafter followeth The seacond pte I give unto my children equally to bee devided amongst them and the third I give unto Elleanor L. my wife I give to Elizabeth Nicholson my wyves aunt

Lanc. MSS. vol. xii. A MS. diary of Samuel Lightbowne of Manchester Esq. [1695–1718] is in the possession of Canon Raines, who has also a MS. sermon preached by Mr. Hyde of Salford on Gen. v. 24, at the funeral of Adam Lightbowne — no date, but between 1667–1680. The testator was buried at the Collegiate Church April 3, 1621.

tenne poundes to dispose of unto such child or children of myne as shee shall please I give other tenne poundes unto Ellin Rowson widowe of Thurston R. late of Stockport deceased to bestowe in lyke manner of such of my child or children as shee shall please I give unto the poore of Manchester fyve poundes Unto the poore in Boulton fyve poundes To John Gaskell my executor fourtie shilling to buy him a gould ring I give and bequeath unto Lawrence Owen my other executor a gould ringe of my owne I give unto John Lightbowne my eldest sonne twentie poundes and to James L. my sonne twenty poundes and to Nathan L. my sonne twenty poundes in consideracõn of the lyke sume which Thurstan Rowson late of Stockport deceased was desirous they should have of goods and chattalls which I enjoye for them I give unto Richard Lightbowne and Ellin L. sonne and daughter of my brother William L. late deceased five pounds apeece To my brother in lawe Francis Nicholson of London merchant tenne shillinge To my brother in lawe James Glasbrooke and to Alice his wyfe tenne shillings apeece To my brother John Lightbowne and to Anne L. his wyfe tenne shillinge apeece To my brother in lawe Thomas Briddocke and Margarett his wyfe my sister tenne shillings apeece I give unto my servant Richard Radcliffe fyve poundes to bee paid unto him at the end of his apprentishipp To my daughter Elizabeth Lightbowne five poundes over and besides her filiall porcõn in liewe of fyve poundes which my late father John Lightbowne bequeathed unto her by his last will and testament I give unto John Rowson of Stockport to Thomas R. his brother and to Sibell R. their sister [each] tenne shillinge I give unto Ambrose Nicholson of Redishe Greene tenne shillinge Unto Thomas Lightbowne of Hallywell neare Bolton tenne shillinge Unto Alexander Lightbowne of Boulton tenne shillinge I give unto Mr Tacey[1] twentie shillinge

[1] Rev. Edward Tacey, one of the chaplains of the Collegiate Church, Manchester, was buried there 20th August 1632.

for which my desire is that hee would preache my funerall sermon I give unto Margarett wyfe of the said John Gaskell sixe shillinge eight pence Unto Ellen wyfe of the said Lawrence Owen sixe shillinge eight pence Unto Marie wyfe of Edward Holbrooke sixe shillinge eight pence The rest and residue of my said parte of goodes I give to be equally devyded amongst all my children And I make the said Elleanor my wife and the said John Gaskell and Lawrence Owen executors of this my said last will and testament desiringe them to see the same accomplished as my sure trust is in them I desire my lovinge brother in lawes Francis Nicholson and James Glasbrooke to bee supervysors desiringe them to doe their best endeavour to see it executed and to ayde them with their advice and councell And I doe renounce all former wills legacies and bequests by me heretofore given and bequeathed In witness whereof I the said James Lightbowne have hereunto put my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written James Lightbowne Sealed signed read published and declared in presence aud witnes of John Leigh Edward Holbrooke Charles Leigh.

THE WILL OF HENRY BURY OF BURY, CLERK.[1]

IN the name of God Amen I Henry Bury of Bury in the countie of Lancaster clerke aged eightie nine yeares or therabouts being of reasonable good health in body and comfortable quiet

[1] It is to be regretted that more is not known of the benevolent and venerable testator. If he were beneficed at all, it is thought that he held no preferment in the Diocese of Chester. The probability seems to be that he had been a Schoolmaster. Bishop Gastrell states that the School was founded at Bury in 1625, which is pro-

and sounde in mynde I thanke God doe make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge ffirst I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almightie God by whose mercie only I hope to be saved and my body to be buried whear myne executors shall thinke most convenient And theis men doe I choose and appoint to be myne executors Roger Kaye of Widell gent and Edmunde Holte my syster Allis grandchilde and I doe give unto either of them twentie poundes a peece for ther paines and no more prayinge them therwith to be contented I desire also Mr Robert Heywood of Heywood Hale and Mr Richard Medocroft of Smethurst Hale[1] to be overseers of this my will and assistants to myne executors and I doe give unto either of them ffortie shillings for ther paines Allmightie God hath bene excedinge good unto me all praise be geven to him therfore and I would faine in verie deede bothe bee and also appeare to be thankfull to him for his goodnes and I doe therfore hearby geve by this my last will to the parish of Burie (the place whear I was borne the place wheare my pgenitors wear borne) three hundreth pounds for and towards the yearlie mentayninge of a schoole maister ther for to teach ther children one hundreth poundes of which three is in the hands of Abraham Nabb of Walmersley and by him owinge unto me And my will is that the said some of three hundreth pounds be putt forth for the benefite of the said schoole by my said executors till such time as the said some may conveniantlye be bestowed upon landes for the use aforesaid and I doubt not but that the parishioners wilbe willinge to add somethinge to this some wherby sufficient maintenance maie yearly aryse for the

bably a clerical error for 1635. — *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part 1, p. 30. The Editor gives some account of the unhappy history of this foundation and also of its fortunate restoration by the Rev. Roger Kay, M.A., the munificent grandson of Roger Kay of Wood Hill gent., one of Henry Bury's Executors and a Governor of his School. A copy of the Rev. R. Kay's will, dated 1729, hitherto unpublished is in the *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xxxi. p. 267 *et seq.*

[1] Both these Bury families recorded pedigrees at Dugdale's Visitation in 1665.

mentayninge of ye schoole aforesaid I geve twelve pounds to mak a loft with (needfull stuffe beinge ꝑvided and brought to the place by the parishe) in the lower end of Bury church for people to sitt in or betwen the church and the chancell wher the roode loft was woont to be and I doubt not but that the good Erle of Darby (if he be therunto by petission moved) will with all his hart allow timber enough for church schoole and some convenient place for the liberary I geve ten pounds to Manchester (the good place of my best education) to buy books with then to be payed when they shall have a convenient place of ther owne furnished with bookes for the common use of the said parrish to the worth of a hundreth pounds a thyng that may in myne opinion soone be donne in that great rich and religious towne (The liberary at Ipswich is thought to be worth 300^li and yet began but a while agoe) Yf they ꝑvide not bookes for a liberary as aforesaid within seaven yeares next after my death my will is they have no benefit by this legacie but the same to be to whom I shall geve the remainder of all my goods I geve unto Margret Holte my sister Allice doughter and to hir husband James Holte and to ther doughter Allis Holte one hundreth poundes which I some times ꝑmised to lend unto them To the children of the said Margret and James to Anne six shillings eight pence and to ev̄y one of the rest (except Allice Holte) yearly duringe ther lyves twenty shillings I geve unto Thomas Holt the youngest sonne of my sister Allice three pounds yearly during his lief the first payment therof to begin when he shalbe of the age of sixtie yeares and not before To his syster Allis Lomaxe twentie shillings a yeare duringe her lief I geve to the children of my brother Mathew Bury to Ellen twenty shillings to Jane and William fortie shillings a peece and to Allis and Raufe three poundes a peece My will and mynde is ther be yearly geven during his lief to Henry Bury of Wenesley my syster Joanes grandchild twentie shillings the first payment then to be made when he can readily reade and write and

cast accounts but not before I geve unto James Bury of Tottington the grandchilde of James Howorth free mason forty shillings and twentie shillings to his mother and three pounds to his brother Henry Bury yearly duringe their lieffe I geve unto John Bury sone in lawe to James Holte a legacy of fyve pounds a yeare duringe his lief It is my will and mynde that if it shall please God I doe dept this lief before I shall purches landes out of which I now intende my executors to paie theis yearly anuities or legacies then my will and mynde is that the said psons to whom the yearly legacies are geven shall not have anie pt therof but insteed of evy twentie shillings p anñ geven to anie duringe lief they shall have sixe pounds thritten shillings and four pence (and so pportionably whether the somes be more or lesse) paid them at one paiment by my said executors as soone as conveniently the can out of my monies that shall come to ther hands wthout exception of anie condicons upon which ye yearly anuities wear intended to have been geven I geve fyve shillings a peece to theis psons to Thomas Wolstenham and to his children and grandchildren to Edmund Holt of Brucksmouth and to his wief and children to the grandchildren of my aunt Lettise Kay of ye Tutchwade and to the children of her sister my aunt Anderton of Elton to the widdow of Rychard Grenhalgh of Manchester pishe to ffrancis Grenhalgh of the *Starnes* to Edmund Parsivall to ould Arthur Holt and to his brother Thomas to the children of Mr James Bateson[1] my good schoole maister and to the children of Margret Bexwike[2] my good hostes and syster to Mr

[1] Mr. James Bateson was High Master of Manchester Grammar School. — *Whatton's History*, p. 103.

[2] She is named in the will of her husband Roger Beswicke of Manchester yeoman, a wealthy and educated man, having "written his will with his own hand," dated April 4, 1598, proved at Chester Nov. 21, 1599, and thereby disposed of a good estate. She was probably not living at Bury's death. Fox records that her husband Roger Beswicke was present at the martyrdom of John Bradford in 1555. Beswicke's will, inventory, letters, &c., are in the *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xxvi. pp. 381, 385.

Bradforthe the martir My will is that my two songe bookes ether of which contayneth all Mr Waterhouse his songs of two pts in on upon the plaine songe of Myserere above 1000 waies shalbe geven the one of them to Oxforde the other to Cambridge where I hope they shalbe safly kept or published in print for the credit of Englishmen and for the better pservinge and contineuance of that wonderfull worke Whearas I have already geven to certen ffeffoes in trust for the use of Bury parish and the cuntrie therabouts of ministers also at ther metinge and of schole maisters and others that seek for learninge and knowledge above sixe hundreth bookes and some other such things as I thought might helpe for ther delight and refresh students as globes mappes pictures and some other things not evy wheare to bee seene now my will is ther be so manie songe bookes added to them as may make the wholl number sixe hundreth sixty and six I geve unto Henry Bury of Tottington my silver pot wth the cover To Henry Bury of Wensley my other silver pott then to be delived unto him when he can reade and wryte and cast accompts but not before and in the meane while to be in the custody of Henry the sone of James and Margret Holt of Bury More Yate that fine readinge boy I geve unto Sr Edward Mosley knight and to Mr John Grenhalghe of Brandleshoulme Esqr my two silver spoones humbly besechinge them to deale well with my good ffathers poore posterity I geve unto Mr Raufe Asheton that religious gentleman my eagle-stone[1] which I lately lent him for his wief It is my will and mynde that all my landes wch I have not formerly passed awaie and geven by deede that they shall descend to my heire at the comon lawe Henry Bury and my desier and will is that all those to whom I have geven lands would be very carefull to kepe them for ther heires and in that name in wch I have left them There be certen wrytings wch I would have alwaies to goe wth myne

[1] For an account of an eagle stone and its marvellous properties, see Canon Raines' *Stanley Papers*, p. 154, note.

executors or the ffeffoes for the liberary viz. the donacõn and erection of Croyden hospitall notes of Bury lordship and the parsonage ther the schooles of Ryvington Midleton Bungary Bury Saint Edmundes and Moulton with Almers legacies and other good patterns My will is that my greatest bell and my greatest deer head become heir loomes to the Wood Roade and be dellivered to John Bury The two next in bignes to the Lowe and the third in bignes to Grindles or ffletchers on the other side of the ryver I geve unto Mr Dunster[1] that studious and painfull minister twentie shillings To the poore of the parishe of Bury within a yeare or two after my death to be paide them by my executors thritten pounds sixe shillings and eight pence Let the sexton have four times as much for makinge my grave as he hath for other men Let twelve shillings be geven to twelve poore honest men to carie me to my grave Let the custom of wastfull and needles expences be broken at my buriall All my bookes globes mapps papers not formerly geven I geve to Henry Bury of Tottington and to Henry sone of James Holt and Henry Bury of Wensley with a charge that when the yongest of them shalbe four and twentie yeares ould they show them to Mr Heywood Mr Wodecroft and Mr Lever or ther heires and let them take out of them what they thinke fitt for the liberary at Bury and geve the rest to my frends to remember mee withall It is my will that all my debts and funerall expences be taken upp and paide out of my wholl goods with what charges myne executors shalbe put unto for the faithfull execution of this my will and likewyse that if anie thinge seeme to be hard to be understoode in this my will that the same shalbe understoode as the oversiers of this my will thinke I ment it and let ther be no goinge to lawe about it yf anie person be con-

[1] Mr. Henry Dunster, an oriental scholar, a native of Middleton Parish, and the first President of Harward College in New England, died 1659. The family migrated from Middleton to "Dunsters" in Bury Parish about the beginning of the 17th century.—See *Lanc. MSS.*

tentious and not content with such legacies as I have hearby given them but shall goe to lawe unjustly with my executors let such ꝑsons have no benefite by his legacy All the remainder of my goods I geve unto Henry Bury and James Bury sons of Henry Bury deceased of Tottington and I doe hearby renounce all former wills and publishe this to be my last will and testament the two and twentith day of October 1634 and have hearunto putt my hand and seale before theise witnesses M^d that the heir loomes geven to the Lowe are to be delivered to James Holt and the heir loomes for ffletcher House to James Holt senior of Bury More Gate Whear as I have geven 300^li for the use of the schoole of Bury as aforesaide my will and mynde is that the said 300^li shall not be bestowed in lands but put forth by my executors for the use of the said schoole till the ꝑfit therof and that which the parish shall add to it shall make up the some of sixe hundreth pounds and then to be bestowed as aforesaid. Henry Bury.

Witnesses hearof
Peter Hoult.
Daniell Stones.
his m^rke D S.

Ultimo die mensis Octobris A° dni 1634.

M^d that whearas I have fformerly geven thre hundreth pounds towards a schoole to be a ffree schoole at Bury and to be bestowed upon landes rent charge or anuity so as the same may be made a ꝑpetuity and to continue for ever so soone as the same 300^li wth the use therof or other gyfts by others will amount unto the some of sixe hundreth pounds to be bestowed by myne executors with the advyse and appbac̃on of Robt Holt of Stubley Esqr John Grenhalgh Esqr Mr Robt Heywood Mr John Croston Mr Edward Rosthorne of Lume Mr Rychard Meadocroft Mr Peter Holt of Bridge Rychard Smethurst of Broadoake Edward Symond Roger Kay of Widdell Thomas Whithead of ye ffeilds Wiłłm Bury of Tottington Henry

Bury of the same John Bury my allyanc Edm^{d} Holt of Bury More Yat all wch ꝑsonns I wishe to be ffeoffies or governours to the said schoole or so many of them as shalbe then lyvinge And so often heareafter as anie such governors shall dye or remove forth of this ꝑish of Bury that then new shalbe elected by the survyvours or such as shalbe recient in ther stidd and that they shall from time to time make such orders and statuts as well for the well government of the said schoole schoolemaister usher and scollars as for the carefull lookinge to and preservinge of the landes &c. as shall belonge to the same as they or the greater ꝑte of them shall in ther wysdomes thinke ffitt Whearin for ther better helpe therein I wishe they would take notice of some orders and statuts of some other ffree schooles wthin this county and from them to collect the best most ꝑfitable and usefull and conclude such to be the orders and statutes for that schoole with enlargem̃t or abridgem̃t as they shall think fitt And in case of a vacansee of a mayster or usher I wish such may be accepted of as shall be nominated by the greater ꝑte of the governors and appved of for learninge lief and sufficiency by the severall parsons and ther successors from time to time vidz. the parson of Bury of Midleton of Prestwich of Radicliffe and the vicar of Rachdall and his successors for the time beinge or the greater ꝑte of them And if anie thinge I have sett down in this or my said will concerninge the same which may not litterally or legally be donne I wish the same may be reformed as councell learned shall advyse accordinge to my true meaninge And this I have sett downe for a further declaracõn of my intention and wish the same to be annexed unto my will and in witnesse hearof I doe subscrybe

In presence of Henry Bury.
Wiliam Heald.
Daniell D S Stones.
his m^{r}ke.

THE WILL OF HENRY BUTLER OF RAWCLIFFE, ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. The seaven and twentieth day of Maye in the yeare of our Lorde God 1619 ffor as much as yt is decreede by the eternall judgement of Allmightye God that all men must and shall dye and as nothinge is more certaine then death soe there nothinge is more uncertaine then the tyme and place thereof wch Allmighty God in his dyvyne pvydence hath onely reserved unto himself to th'ende wee should by his grace and mercye direct the course of our lyves in such sorte as we might allwayes be found readye and well prepared to dye whensoever yt shall bee his pleasure to call us out of this lyeff Therefore I Henrye Butler of Rawcliffe in the countye of Lancaster Esquyer callinge to my remembrance that yt is the duety of Christian man whiles hee is in best health to take care for the good disposition of such goode and chattelle as yt shall please God to make him owner of aswell for the discharge of his owne conscyence as for preventinge such trobles unkindnes and controvsyes as do most comonlye growe where no such order is taken doe the day and yeare above written in the feare of God and I trust

[1] No date of probate. Henry Butler of Rawcliffe Esq. descended from Richard Butler (younger son of Almeric Butler of Warrington), who held Outrawcliffe by the gift of Theobald Walter and died 9 Edward I., married Anne daughter of Henry Banister of Bank Esq. by whom he had issue William his son and heir, Nicholas, Thomas, Robert, Margaret wife of William Haggerston of Haggerston co. Northumberland, Joan wife of John Smith of Stalmin Grange, Prudence wife of Thomas Singleton of Scales, and Gismund who married John Atherton of Atherton Esq.—*Suffield MSS.* He was one of the guests of Henry Earl of Derby K.G. at New Park in 1589. See *Stanley Papers*, part ii. pp. 70, 201. The testator was dead before May 1621. His descendant, Henry Butler of Rawcliffe Esq., being involved in the rebellion of 1715, had his estates confiscated, when he removed to the Isle of Man, where he was living 3rd October 1717.

with his specyall assistance mercy and grace make this my last will and testament in manner and fforme followeinge That is to say first as charitye moveth mee to begyn att my self soe with all my harte will and power I comende and bequeath my soule into the hande of the holye and blessede Trynitie that is to say God the ffather God the Sonne and God the Holye Ghost and yett but one God without beginninge and endinge who in the pson of his Sonne Jesus Christ hath redeemed my soule from the tyranye of the devill and from everlastinge damnacon by the meritte onely of his bitter death and passion and by the same onely I trust and beleeve to have remission of all my sins and to be saved and made ptaker of his glorious presence and evlastinge kingdome Secondly for that yt is comendable and a devout order to have the dead buryed soe I will and doe referr the order of the buryall of my bodye to the discretion of my executors and such of my frende as shalbee about mee at my decease the same to bee done without pompe or great waste and as the tyme and place shall requyre when and where yt shall please God to call mee to his mercye Thirdlye and lastlye my wholle indeavor in all the residue of this my will shall bee soe to dispose of those chattelle and worldly goode wch God of his goodnes hath lent unto mee as I may shewe my self thanckfull unto him who is the giver of all carefull of my wief and posteritye with other my kindsfolkes and frende wch my affecon and love towarde them suffereth mee not to forgett and myndfull of the poore wch accordinge to my abilitye I am bounde and allso charitye moveth mee to provyde for And therefore as touchinge the disposition of all the goode and chattelle whereof I dye possessed and of all the debte and duetyes wch shall bee att the tyme of my decease oweing to mee ffirst my will and mynd is that all such debte and duetyes wch I owe of right or of conscyence to any pson be well and truely contented and payed by myne executors hereafter named out of my wholle goode and chattelle and after my debte paid and funerall expences discharged

then I will and bequeath unto Anne my wief the some of twentye pounds to her owne proper use in the name of her purptye and reasonable parte to her of all my said goode &c. I give unto Anne Haggerston my grandchilde the sume of one hundreth poundę towardę her ꝑferment in mariadge to be payed unto her within six moneths next after my decease I give &c. unto Anne Smyth beinge the sole childe nowe lyvinge of my late daughter Joany deceased the some of one hundred poundę towardę her ꝑferment in mariadge to bee payed unto her within one whole yere next after my decease And whereas in my lief tyme I have made unto Nicholas Butler Thomas B. and Robte B. my younger sonnes each of them a lease of certaine landę of my inheritaunce for the lyves of themselves and others respectivelye wch I intende to bee for their ꝑferment beinge as much as my estate could well beare and allsoe to bee to them in leiue and recompence of all such porcon of my goodę as they could challenge from mee after my decease upon wch leases there are certaine rentę boones and servicę reserved yearely to be paid unto mee all wch are behynde and nev sythence the makinge of the said leases were paid Nevertheles of my good will I give &c. unto my said three yonger sonnes Nicholas Thomas and Roberte to each of them the said arrerage of the said rentę boones and servicę of his owne tenemente remayninge in his handę and allsoe the some of tenne poundę a peece to each of them upon condicon that if my said sonnes Nicholas Thomas and Roberte or any of them after my decease doe molest or trouble my executors or any other pson concninge any pte or porcon of my goodę claymingę the same unto them as their childes partę other then such thingę as are given unto them by this my will that then such of the said Nicholas Thomas and Roberte as shall soe sue molest &c. shalbee debarred from takinge any benefitt by this my last will I give &c. to each one of my servantę one whole yeres wages that is with mee and serveth att my death I give &c. the residue and revcon of all my goodę

chattelle and debte moveable and unmoveable whatsoev not formlye bequeathed my debte beinge paid fundall expence and legasyes discharged unto John Atherton Luke Haggerston Anne Haggerston Anne Smith my grandchildren equally to bee devyded amongst them and each of them to have their equall parte and porcon to be payed by myne executors within one whole yeare and a half next after my decease I do make &c. my welbeloved grandchilde Thomas Haggerston my sonne Nicholas Butler my nephewe Christopher Bannester and my nephewe Richard Bannester my full executors of this my last will and testament And I doe hartelye desyer and request my vearye welbeloved ffrend Maister Leigh pson of Standish[1] and my veary good frend Mr William ffoster of Garstange to bee overseers thereof and I utterlye revokae &c. In witnesse &c.

Henry Butler.

Wytnesses &c. John Gaskell Henry Dobson.

THE WILL OF LADY MARY SAVAGE, WIDOW.[2]

IN the name of Jhesus Amen. I Mary Savage geve al my goodes here yn Chesshere as here folowethe I geve unto Alce

[1] For a notice of this famous preacher see *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 117.

[2] The testatrix was the widow of Sir John Savage of Rock Savage Bart., who died in 1615, and one of the daughters and coheirs of Richard Allington Esq. She had issue Elizabeth, who married first Thomas Mainwaring, a younger son of Mainwaring of Martin Sands, near Over, and secondly Sir Raufe Done of Duddon; Grace, the wife of Sir Richard Wilbraham of Woodhey; and Sir Thomas Savage Bart., created Viscount Savage by King Charles I. in 1626, ancestor of the Earls of Rivers (Savage) and Viscounts Colchester. He and his mother, Lady Mary Savage, of Bostock Hall, were buried at Maccleefield on the same day 16th December 1635. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 529. The whole of this will is autograph; there is no endorsement of its having been proved, but it is attached to an allegation on the part of Sir Ralph Done Knt.

Mackele my oulde and deerelye beloved servante al my heretts and cattel yn her occupation at Bostoke and al other thynges belongynge to me yn her custodye there Also I geve her fyftye pounde yn monye to be payde unto her presentely after my deathe yf I returne no more ynto Chesshyre and yf she maye not lyve at Bostoke won yere after my deathe I geve her won hundred pounde more Also I geve unto Elenor Mynshul my seconde payre of borders wythe perle and fyfty pounde yn mony to be presentely payde her at my deathe yf I cumme no more ynto Chesshyre Nowe I bequethe my hole estate but thys to my daugeter Elyzabethe Manwarynge as folowethe al my juels al my plate al my lynnen and al my goodes yn Chesshyre whatsoever I have and I wyl not have any devyset yn lawe to hynder or defraude her won penyworthe Also I bequethe al my goodes beynge yn the cyty of Chester to my sayde daughter Elyzabethe Manwarynge Also I geve unto my sonne Sr Thomas Savage forty shyllynges and my daughter Wylbram forty shyllynges more yn ful satysfaction of there chyldes parte Dated thys nynthe daye of Octobre 1618 Wytnes my hand and sele

Mary Savage.

Wytnes herto John Lytler Law. Dichfield Joannes Fittonn.

THE WILL OF JOHN HALLIWELL OF EALEES, GENT.[1]

IN the name of God Amen 2 January 1608 [1608–9] I John Halliwell of Ealees in the parishe of Rachdalle in the countie

and the Lady Elizabeth his wife February 11th 1635 [1635–6]. These two were defendants with Lord Savage in a cause promoted against them by Sir Richard Wilbraham Bart. and Lady Grace his wife. — J. P. For a further account of Lady Savage see *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 171.

[1] Proved 2nd March, 1619–20. His father's will has occurred before (see p. 126).

of Lancaster gent. being of ꝑfect remembrance thanks and praise be given unto God for the same do make &c. First and principallie I bequeath my soul into the hands of God trustinge by the benefit of the passion of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to have free pardon and full remission of all my sins and my body I commit to the earth from whence it came to be buried in the middle alleye of Rachdalle church or elswhere as God shall appointe att the disposal of my frends And as touching my temporal goods not already settled I dispose of them as follows First I give and bequeath to Isabell my wife £100 in satisfaction of her parte of such goods as God hath blessed me withall To Elizabeth Butterworth wife of Henry Butterworth of Wildhouse gent. and to Isabel Marland wife of James Marland of Marland gent. and also to Jane Greenewoode wife of Robert Greenewoode of Westerton Hall in West Ardisley co. York Esq. my daughters everie one of them severallie the sum of £126 they being alreadie ꝑferred by me To all and every such children unto whom I shall be grandfather at my departure out of this my transitorie life the seuall sum of 40s Likewise I give unto everie such servante as shall be remaininge with me in my service at the end of my lyfe 10s Furthermore I give to every such child as I am or shall be godfather onto the sum of xijd seuallie The rest of my debts goods and chattels being as yet unbequeathed or which shall so remain at the end of my life together with all my lands messuages tenements &c. I give &c. unto James Halliwell onlie son and heire apparent of me the said testator onlie my funeral expences

The testator was born about 1551, being described in his father's post mortem inquisition in 1598 as "of the age of 47 years." He vacated Ealees and rebuilt Pike House in 1609–10, and largely increased his estate. He married Isabel, daughter of John Mylne of Mylne House in Hundersfield and widow of James Dearden of Stoneheys (his will is dated 30th November 1579), the marriage covenant being dated 6th July 23 Elizabeth (1581). His post mortem inquisition was taken at Bolton-le-Moors 21st March 17 Jac. He died 19th November and was buried at Rochdale on 20th November 1619. Ealees and Pike House are still the property of his descendant and representative Miss Beswicke, only child of John Halliwell Beswicke Esq. deceased.

and the charges of my forthbringing to be deducted Thus renouncing all other legacies wills and bequests I make this my last will in forme aforesayd whereof I ordaine and constitute my aforesayd son James Halliwell my lawfull executor and I entreat James Halliwell of Knowl House in Hundersfeld gent. my lovinge brother to be supervisor and overseer of the same hoping that he will see the same accordinge to the tenor of the premes onlie executed In confirmation whereof I have set my hand and seal these being witnesses Arthure Singleton Henrie Scolfield Thomas Haworth and Joseph Marcrofte clerk of Littlebrough.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM LORD BRERETON.[1]

IN the name &c. 20 May Anno Dni 1630 I William Lo: Brereton being in good health and pfect memory and dreadinge the uncertaine hower of death do make this my last will &c. ffirst I give and bequeath my soule to Almighty God humbly beseechinge him for the meritte of our Lord Jesus Christ his passion to graunt it the fruition of the eternall glory prepared for his elect and chosen people and my body to be buried in the chancell of the pish church of Brereton And for the disposinge of my worldly estate my will and mind is as followeth ffirst I give &c. to Mary Countesse of Thomond my daughter the sume of one hundred poundе in leue of such title as she can or may pretend to have to any of my goode or chattele whatsoever My will and mind is that such of my servante

[1] Proved October 19, 1630. Sir William Brereton of Brereton Knt. baptized at Brereton 6th February 1550, created Lord Brereton of Leighlin in Ireland 11th May 1624, married Margaret daughter of Sir John Savage of Clifton Knt. and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of the Earl of Rutland. He built the hall of Brereton in 1586. The title became extinct on the death of his descendant Francis, fifth Lord Brereton, in 1722. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 52.

wages as shalbe unpaid att the time of my death be paid and satisfied forth of my goode and chattele I give &c. all the rest and residue of my tacke and ffarmes goode cattells and chattells real and psonall money plate jewells and all other my psonall estate whatsoever to William Brereton Esqr my grandchild sonne of Sr John Brereton Kt my late sonne and heire decessed my debte legacies and funell expences being discharged I make my welbeloved friende and kinsmen Sr Edward ffitton and Sr William Brereton Baronetts and William Moreton of Moreton Esqr executors of this my last will and testemt hoping they will see the same well and duly executed according to the trust I repose in them And I do make my welbeloved kinsmen William Booth Esqr sonne and heir apparent of Sr George Booth Kt and Barronett and John Booth of Twemlowe gent. overseers of this my last will &c. Sealed signed &c. in the psence of Ran: Rode Somerford Oldfeld Willm Smethwicke Edward Brereton Jo. Carter 1630.

THE WILL OF EDWARD FITTON OF CHESTER, GENT.[1]

IN the name &c. I Edward ffitton the younger of the citty of Chester gen. being sicke in body but of perfect memory &c. ffirst I bequeath my soule &c. and my body to bee interred in St Peeters Church where my grandfather was buryed in the first isle And for my worldly goods &c. ffirst I give to my deare and loveing wife all my goods chattels &c. &c. what soev to her owne use together wth the sum of twenty pounds due to mee from his maty for my place and service in the Custome House I devise to my sd loveing wife my terme and estate of the farme and lands in Ireland

[1] Proved December 12, 1643.

which I clayme by lease from William ffitton Esqr to have and to hold to her and her assignes dureing soe many yeares of the s^{d} terme and estate as shee shall live and after her decease (shee dying wthin the s^{d} terme) I give the remaynd^{r} of the s^{d} terme and estate to my loveing brother Thomas ffitton and my sister Dorothy the wife of Edward Hall and theire assignes The remaynd^{r} thereof after theire sev^{d}all deceases I bequeath to the s^{d} Willm ffitton Esqr and his heires And of this my last will and testam^{t} I ordeyne &c. my said deare and loveing wife Mary ffitton my onely executrix and my brother in law Mr Henry Harpur I desire to bee overseer &c. In wittnes whereof &c. this xxxth day of November 1643.

THE WILL OF DAME LADY ANNE FITTON, WIDOW.[1]

IN the name &c. 31 January 1643 [1643–4] I Dame Anne ffitton weake in body but of a perfect and disposinge memorie doe willingly and with a free heart render and give againe into the hands of my Lord God and Creator my spirit which hee of his fatherly goodnes gave unto mee nothing doubtinge but that for his infinite mercies sett forth in the precious bloud of his dearely beloved Sonne Jesus Christ my onely Saviour and Redeemer hee will receive my soule into his glory And as concerneing my body I willingly

[1] No date of probate. Anne, daughter and coheiress of James Barret of South Wales, and widow of Sir Edward Fytton of Gawsworth. She had issue Sir Edward Fytton her son and heir; Penelope, wife of Sir Charles Gerard of Halsall co. Lanc. Knt.; Mary, wife of Geoffrey Minshull of Stoke, near Nantwich; Frances, wife of Henry Mainwaring of Carincham; Alice, wife of Major Merrick of Wales; Anne, wife of Sir John Brereton of Brereton, and afterwards of Sir Gilbert Gerard Knt.; Lettice, wife of John Cole co. Salop; Jane, wife of Thomas Minshull of Erdeswick; and others who died young. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 292.

give it over commending itt to the earth whereof itt came and to bee buried in the parish church of Gosworth in the county of Chester neere to my deare husband if it may bee brought theither without danger but if not then to be disposed of according to the discretion of my executrix Whereas there are certaine bonds forfeited to mee upon the death of William Wilcocks late of Chester gentleman whoe dyed a ffelo de se ytt is my will that Widdowe Wilcocks late wife of the sayed William shall have the benefit of the same bonds so that shee pay unto my executrix one hundred and fforty pounds within twelve weeks next after my discease to bee disposed of by my executrix as ffolloweth that is to say ffirst (for that theise worldly goods were given to mee that I should distribute part thereof for the releife of the necessity of the poore) I give to the poore of the towne of Tenby in the county of Pembrocke wherein I was borne fiftie pounds to bee used yearely by the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the same towne towards theire releife and sustenance To the poore of the parrish of Aldford in the county of Chester other fiftie pounds the care of disposeing of which I leave to the churchwardens and overseers of the sayed parish of Aldford in buying and provideinge cloathes yearely for the poore of the sayd parrish And as for the remainder of the sayed one hundred and fourtie pounds the same being ffourty pounds I will that the same be bestowed in rings to bee delivered to such of my grandchildren as are hereafter named within twelve weekes next after my departure out of this life vizt to the right hono^ble William Lord Brereton the Lady Mary Hutchinson M^ris Jane Brereton Mr Charles Gerrard Mr Edward Gerrard M^ris Anne Carey Mr Gilbert Gerrard Mr Edward Minshall Mrs Anne Elcocke Mrs Jane Minshall Mrs Margaret Minshall Mr Rich. Minshall Mr Tho: Minshall Mrs Mary Minshall Mrs Ellinor Minshall Mr Roger Mannering Mr Peter Mannering Mr Edward Manwering Mrs Jane Manweringe Mr Essex Meiricke Mrs Mary Meiricke Mr Edward Cole Mr Thomas Minshall and Mrs Hanna Minshall

and to every of them one ring a peece every such ring beinge of the price of twoe and thirtie shillings And as touchin the plate and lynnen cloth which were of the sayed William Wilcocks and now by reason of his death belongeth to mee I will that out of the same plate and lynnen cloth there be given to my servant Anne James seaventeene pounds within twelve weekes next after my death she haveing received of mee heretofore three and twentie pounds the sayed seaventeene makeing it upp forty pounds To the sayed Anne James the bed that shee usually lyeth upon with all things thereunto belonging To my servant Beniamine Kinsey fiftie shillings to bee payed him out of the same goods as also his cloake in liverie The remainder of all my goods &c. (after my funerall expences bee discharged) I give to my loveinge daughter Mrs Lettice Cole and Sr Gilbert Gerrard Knight to bee equally devided betweene them And I doe hereby nominate &c. the same Lettice to be my full and sole executrix and my very loveing grandchildren the aforesayed William Lord Brereton and Charles Gerrard supvisors of this my last will &c. and I doe hereby revoke &c. In witness whereof &c.

Anne Phyton.

Whereas in this my last will I give &c. to the poore of the parrish of Aldford ffiftie pounds the use whereof to be disposed by the churchwardens and overseers in buying clothes for the poore thereof yet it is my will that the use of the sayed fiftie pounds shall yearely bee and remaine to William Omer onely dureing his life towards his maintenance and to none other hee beeing one of the poore of the same pish and after his death to bee disposed as above-sayed and not before Sealed and subscribed &c. in the presence of Radcliffe Gerard and Rob: Laceward.

THE WILL OF THOMAS WALMESLEY OF BANISTER HALL, GENTLEMAN.[1]

IN the name &c. 14 June Anno Dñi 1637 I Thoms Walmsley of Bannester Hall wthin the lordshipp of Walton in le Dale in the county of Lancaster gentleman beeinge sicke and weake of bodie but of good and pfect memorie &c. First and principally I comend my soule &c. and I comend my bodie to Christien buriall wthin the church or chappell of Low in Walton aforesaid where my anncestors haue beene usually buried Also I revocate and make voide all and evy former wills &c. And concerning that psonall estate wherwth it hath pleased God to blesse mee my will and minde is &c. ffirst yt my whole debte and funerall expences shalbee fully satisfied and paid out of all my goodes wch donne my will and mynde is that all the rest of my goode cattle and chattells whatsoev shalbee divided into three equall partes wherof I will that ffrances my loveing wyfe shall have one full third pte wch by law and the custome of the countrie to hir belongeth I do give &c. one other full third pte unto Ann my daughter Item for the other and last third pte being my owne parte called the testators pte my will and mynde is to give the same as followeth vizt. unto my brother Edward W. my best blacke coult and my great fowleing peece my stone bowe and fortie shillinge I give &c. to Mrs Bridgett Stanley my mother in law xxs To Mr Thoms Stanley my brother in lawe my diamond ring and fortie shillinges To Mr Peeter Stanley my brother in law xxs I give &c. to Richard Craven my brother in law xxs and my sister Anne Craven xxs I give &c. unto my sister Elizabeth Hodgkinson

[1] Proved July 3, 1637. Thomas, son of Edward Walmesley of Banister Hall, gentleman, and nephew of Sir Thomas Walmesley Knt., justice of the Queen's Bench 31 Elizabeth, married Frances, daughter of Edward Stanley of Moore Hall Esq., by whom he had an only daughter Anne, wife of Ratcliffe, fourth son of Sir Richard Hoghton of Hoghton Tower Bart. — *Suffield MSS.*

xx^{s} I give &c. to Mr John Ainsworth of Crooke in Clayton fortie shillinge To Thoms Winckley my brother in law xx^{s} To Thoms Winckley my nephew xx^{s} I give &c. to Richard Potter of Walton my little birding peece Unto my servant Georg Hodgkinson fortie shillinge I give &c. to Edward Birches xx^{s} To my servant James Sharples xx^{s} To my servant James Mosse xiij^{s} iiij^{d} To my servant Agnes Dobson tenn shillinge To my servant Jane Dickonson tenn shillinge I give &c. to evy one of my sevall tennte in Walton respectively beeing the auncyent tennte five shillinge a peece I give all my wollen apparell to my men servante to bee divided amongst them at the discretion of my said wife And I do give &c. all the rest and residue of my said third pte ov and above the said legacies unto my said wife And I constitute &c. the said Mr John Ainsworth and my said wife executors &c. In witnesse wherof I have hearunto put my hand &c. Thomas Walmsley.

Witnesses Edwd Walmsley Thomas Stanley Alexander Hesketh Edm: Grenwood.

THE WILL OF ELIZABETH STANDISH OF STANDISH, WIDOW.[1]

IN the name &c. The xxjxth daie of September Anno Dni 1637 I Elizabeth Standishe of Standishe in the county of Lancaster widdowe being sicke in body but of good and pfect memorie I praise Almighty God therefore yet neverthelesse considering with my selfe that as death to everie one is certaine soe the tyme thereof is most uncertaine and therefore mynding to establishe and put in certaintie how and in what manner my goods shalbee disposed and bestowed after my death doe ordaine &c. this my laste will &c. ffirst and principally I commend my soule unto Almightie God my only

[1] Proved October 8, 1637.

Creator Reedeemer and sanctifyer trusting that through his great mercy to bee one of his elect to raigne with him for ever And seacondly as touching my mortall body I commite the same to the earth there to remaine untill the generall daie of resurrecc̃on And theirdly conserninge those goodds as God hath indued mee with all I doe dispose of them as [follow]eth and after my debtes and funerall expences being ffirste paid out of my whole goodę I give unto Rauffe Standishe my eldest sonne . . . . . table in the parlor and to twoo of the said Rauffe his childeren either of them ffyve shillinges a peece I give unto my son in lawe John Waringe . . . . . nd unto my doughter Jane a gowne cloath of kersey which was intended for my selfe I give unto my goddaughter Elizabeth Waringe x^s and . . . . . Anne v^s I give unto my said doughter Jane one calderon I give unto my doughter Margarett the great cheste in the parlor which standeth by the bedd syde and all the linnens therein excepte twoo pare of sheetę viz. one pare of fflaxen and an other pare of canvas I give unto Elizabeth Chamberlaine wyffe of Robert C. my worke daie gowne and twoo old petticoates I give to everie child I am godmother unto twelve pence a peece Item all the reste &c. of my goods I give unto Edward S. my younger sonne and I doe hereby constitute &c. Edwarde S. my said sonne and Margaret S. my said doughter executors of this my last will and testamente wishing that they will execute the same as my trust is in them before all others Debtę owing by mee Elizabeth S. as followeth Imprimis unto my sonne Edward and my doughter Margaret all that childes p̣te or porc̃on wch was lefte them by theire ffather except iij^li and x^s which I paid unto my said sonne Edward Item more unto my daughter Margaret x^s Sealed &c. in the presence of us Alexander Woodward Raphe Chamberlaine Thomas Mailor James Urmeston.

THE WILL OF JOHN DITCHFIELD OF BOLD.[1]

IN the name &c. the two and twentieth day of ffebruary 1643 [1643-4] &c. I John Ditchfield beinge att this present at Bold weake in bodie yet praised be God of perfecte memorie doe constitute &c. this my last will in manner and forme followinge ffirst I commende my soule &c. As for my bodie I desire it may bee buried att the chappell of ffarneworth neere to my late deceased ffather And for my goods I dispose of them in this manner ffirst I give unto my brother Mr Henry Bold the summe of ten pounde wch is oweinge unto mee by my cozen Ditchfield of Ditton for wch I have his bond I give unto my brother Henry whatsoever hee can prove left unto mee by my ffathers will I give unto my cozen John Hodges if hee bee livinge the summe of ten pounde oweinge unto mee by William Walley of Danum for wch I have his bond but if my cozen Hodges bee dead then I give unto my brother Henry aforesaid and his children the ten pounde oweinge unto mee by Walley besides all other debts oweinge unto mee both in London and Lancashire Cheshire and all other places I give unto my brother Henry and his children three trunkes standinge at one Mr Prophets house by the bridge foote in Churchyard-alley of wch trunkes my cozen Sara Pate hath the keys who lives in Chritchet Friers over against Northumberland-alley Alsoe there is nyne

[1] No date of probate. From a pedigree in the *Harl. MSS.*, 1549, fol. 29, it appears that Laurence Ditchfield of Chester, second son of Hamlet Ditchfield of Ditton gent., married *Martha*, daughter of Richard Brooke of Norton and widow of .... Bold. The Bold pedigree (*Suffield MSS.*) states that William Bold of Bold married *Prudence*, daughter of Richard Brooke of Norton Esq., and by her had issue Richard Bold of Bold Esq., Henry, Frances wife of John Hodges of London, and other children. It seems, therefore, highly probable that the testator was the son of Laurence Ditchfield of Chester and Miss Brooke (although these two statements vary as to her Christian name), and half-brother to Mr. Henry Bold the executor named in the will, through his mother's marriage with Mr. William Bold of Bold.

poundes oweinge unto mee by my cozen Sara Pate the wch I give unto my brother Henry and his children and I desire her to pay it to my brother wthout any further suite or trouble whensoever he shall demaund it And whereas I had a horse downe from London of my cozen Pate the truth is I left a better in his roome but beinge the horse I had dyed here in Lancashire I freely give the horse unto my cozen Pate wch I left with her Lastly haveinge thus disposed of my goode I desire that my good brother Mr Henry Bold would see these debte paid out of the afforesaid summes and goode that hee pay truly unto Mr William Bisbie liveinge in Cateaten-streete over against the Maiden-head the summe of vijli alsoe that hee pay unto Mr Robert Triplett livinge about the midle of Distaffe-lane whatsoever he demande upon his oath for at this ꝑsent I am uncertaine what it is And for my aparrell linnens and all other particuler things at Bold and elsewhere I freely give them all unto my deare brother and his children And I ordaine my brother whole executor of this my last will and testament unto wch I have putt &c. Sealed &c. in the presence of these witnesses John Dichfield Thomas Leigh Raphe Banke Richard Hatton his marke +

THE WILL OF LUCY TOWNLEY OF SHACKLEHAY, WIDOW.[1]

IN the name &c. The xxvijth day of August anno Dñi 1621 I Luce Townley of Shacklehay widow late wiffe of Thomas T. deceased sicke in bodie but of sound and ꝑfect memorie I praise God therefore doe make and ordeyne this my ꝑsent testamt contayninge therein my laste will revokeinge and makeinge voyd thereby

[1] Proved 6th November 1621. Lucy, daughter of Lawrence Townley of Barnside Gent. and widow of Thomas Townley, natural son of Sir John Townley of Townley Knt. — *Suffield MSS.*

all former and other wills by me heretofore made whether the same be made by wordꝭ or in wrytinge ffirst and principally therefore I comitt my soule into th'andꝭ of Allmightie God my Creator and to Christ Jesus his onely Sonne my Redemer through whose bitter death and passion I trust to be saved and to have full remission of all my synnes and my bodie I ffreely comend to the earth from whence yt came And touching the disposition of my worldly goodꝭ I will that my debtꝭ be first paid thereof that is to say I owe unto my cosen Robte Townley now of Barnsett x^s^ wch is all that I owe to any pson I geve and bequeath unto my cosen Charles Townley now of Stonyhurst six silver spones I geve unto Robte Anderton my iron chimney in the house I geve unto his wiffe x^s^ one paire of shetes and one old ffether bedd Unto Dorathe Anderton doughter of the said Robte A. xx^s^ To Xpopher Anderton and Jenet A. sonne and doughter of the said Robte eyther of them ten shillingꝭ To Elizabeth Banester doughter of Robte B. deceased x^s^ To Barnard Walton x^s^ It ys my mynde that Wiłłm Baldwen shall have the table in the plor at a reasonable pryce I geve unto the wiffe of Charles Banester all that pewther wch lyeth in a chiste in the inn plor To Joseph Blakey his owne tables and two shillingꝭ The rest of my goods I will shalbe bestowed upon my funerall chargꝭ and poore people in the discrecon of my cosen Lawrence Townley of Barnsett my cosen Charles Townley of Lower Stonyedge and John Hartley of Swinden And I make and ordeyne the said Lawrence T. executor of this my last will trusting &c. Theis beinge witnesses Charles Townley John Hartley of Swinden and John Blakey.

THE WILL OF THOMAS IRELAND OF BEWSEY, ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. 14 January 1638 [1638-9] I Thomas Ireland of Bewsey in the county of Lancaster esq. beinge sicke in body yet pfect &c. And as for my body my will is that it be buried in my chaple at my parish church in Warrington soe as it be done in the day and not in the night with a sermon by Mr Ward[2] parson there of and with no more pompe then accordinge to my degree at the discretion of my sole executrix my lovinge wife Margaret I. whom I only ordaine to be soe by theis psente Forasmuch as I married my said wife Margaret the second doughter of Sir Thomas Stanley of Alderley knight deceased with whome from her mother I received a competent satisfactorie porcon I doe therefore give unto her my said wife all my goods debts household stuffe and psonall estate whatsoever to the intent and better enablinge of her that she shall pay and dischardge all my proper due debts as alsoe to discharge my funall and the sevall legacies hereafter menconed I give unto my said lovinge wife all leases for tithes &c. belonginge to the retorie of Warrington together with the mansion place and dwellinge house of the parsonage of Warrington to take all the yearely issues

[1] Proved 18th April 1639. Thomas Ireland of Bewsey Esq., son of Sir Thomas Ireland of Bewsey and vice-chamberlain of Chester by Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Aston of Aston Knt., married Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Stanley of Alderley Knt., by whom he had an only daughter and heiress Margaret, wife of Sir Gilbert Ireland of Hutt and Hale Knt. She died without issue in 1675 and left her estates to her cousin Richard Atherton of Atherton Esq. The testator died 16th January 1638-9 and was buried at Warrington.—*Funeral Certificate* and *Suffield MSS.* Bewsey is now the property of Lord Lilford, his grandfather Thomas Lord Lilford having married Henrietta the eldest daughter and coheiress of Robert Vernon Atherton Esq. of Atherton and Bewsey.

[2] The Rev. William Ward presented to the rectory of Warrington by Thomas Ireland of Bewsey Esq. in 1621.

and profitts dureinge such tyme as my only doughter Margaret Ireland shall attaine to the full age of sixteene yeares and likewise to have the same dureinge the nr̃all life of the Lady Margaret Travor late wife of my late father Sir Thomas Ireland knight deceased who hath an annuity of two hundreth pounds p̣ ann̄ yssueinge out of my lands dureinge her life yf the said Margaret my said wife soe long shall live Provided nevertheles that if my said doughter Margaret I. shall live untill the death of the said Lady Travor that then she the said Margaret Ireland and the heires of her body shall have all the said tithes before menc̃oned It is my will that if my said doughter Margaret Ireland doe dye before my said wife without yssue then my said wife shall enioy all the tithes aforesaid dureinge her nr̃all life yf the terme in the lease &c. doe continue soe longe And after the sev̊all deathes of my wife and doughter I doe give the said tithes &c. to the use of such persons to whome my mannor house of Bewsey by virtue of a conveyance thereof by me made bearinge date with theis p̣ñtes shall appertaine I give unto my servant John Wright xx^tie^ nobles To Mary Johnson wife of William Johnson of Woolston twentie pounds in satisfaction of twentie pounds I p̣mised her at her marriage I doe give unto my servante William Barrowe tenn pounds to Thomas Sutton my servant five markes To Bridgett Lawrence other five markes To Thomas Barton five pounds To Piers Gerard my servant tenn pounds To Margaret Barlow tenn pounds And as for the rest of my servants I refer them to be dealt with at the discretion of my said executrix Sealed &c. in the presence of Tho. Stanley John Jeffreys Tho. Rigby John Coe cler. Ed. Dicconson.

THE WILL OF DAME DOROTHY LEGH OF WORSLEY, WIDOW.[1]

IN the name of God amen I Dame Dorothie Legh of Worsley in the county of Lancast^r widow late wife of Sr Peter Legh knight deceased being in good and pfect health &c. and of sound memory (I praise God) yet considering with myself that I draw into yeares and am mortall and sure to dye albeit uncertayne of the time when and being desirous to settle and leave such a pfect order and readynes how and in what manner my goods and psonall estate wherewith it hath pleased God to blesse me shall be disposed of and to whome the same shall come and appertayne after my decease so as no contention suite or varyance shall or may growe or arise therafter about the same doe therefore fully and advisedly make declare and publish this my testam^t and last will in manner and forme following (viz.) ffirst I commend my soule into the hands of Almighty God faithfully beleeving to be saved by and through the onely meritts and passion of his deare Sonne and our Lord and Savio^r Jesus Christ and my body to the earth whence I am wishing that the same may be buryed at the pish church of Eccles in that tombe[2] which I here-

[1] Dorothy, daughter of Sir Richard Egerton of Ridley by Mary, daughter of Sir Richard Grosvenor of Eaton Knt. and widow of Thomas Legh of Adlington Esq., married first Richard Brereton of Tatton and Worsley Esq., and secondly Sir Peter Legh of Lyme Knt. Richard Brereton, having no surviving issue, settled his estates on his wife's illegitimate brother Sir Thomas Egerton, lord chancellor of England, Viscount Brackley ancestor of the Earls and Dukes of Bridgewater.—Ormerod, vol. i. p. 346. The testatrix was buried at Eccles 11th April 1639. Her mother's will is printed Portion ii. p. 268.

[2] The Brereton tomb still remains in Eccles Church, with whole length recumbent figures of Richard Brereton of Worsley and his widow Dorothy, with their infant son in swaddling clothes; with this inscription: "Hic iacent corpora Ricardi Brereton de Tatton et Worksley Ar'igeri et Dorotheæ vxoris ei' filiæ Rīci Eggertō de Ridley militis et Rīci filii eor' qvi qvidē Ric' ob^t 17 die Decēbris ão d'ni 1598 et dicta Dorothea obijt 4° die Aprilis a'no d'ni 1639. Et dict' Ric' filij' eor' qui infans obijt a'no d'ni 1575 et dicta Dorothea hoc monumentū fieri fecit 1600."

tofore made for my former husband Mr Brereton and my selfe to lye in and desiring also that I may be buryed wth litle and small pompe and funerall charges and that some few of my ffriends and kinsfolks shall be invited thereto And concerning my worldly goods and psonall estate my will is as followeth (viz.) Imprimis I give unto my honorble good lord the Earle of Bridgewater all my brewing vessells and my leads at Worsley and all my bedsteads chaires stooles tables and cupbords in the house of Worsley and the bedding belonging to the wainscott chamber hoping that he will give them all to his sonne Thomas (being my adopted sonne) towards the furnishing of the house of Worsley I give to my Lord Brackley a ring with diamonds in it wch my Lord Bridgewater gave to me when he was at Lime To my cosen Thomas (younger sonne to the Earle of Bridgewater and my adopted sonne) all the ffeather beds and other bedding in those four chambers after the side of the gallery betwixt my chamber and the dining chamber (the coffers chists trunks and all things in them excepted) and all my double gilt plate (except two double gilt botoles without covers and two litle double gilt kannes) To the Lady Alice (daughter to the Earle of Bridgewater) a white saphire with a pearle at it wch my lady her mother left me at her death and a ring with an emerald in it wch her mother gave to me when she was at Lime I give to Mrs Bold[1] a pearle chaine and a border of gold and some pearle on it wch were her mothers and a payre of braceletts of corrall and pearle and some gold beads among them To my cosen Lettice Leigh (wife of Doctor Leigh[2]) a chaine of aggetts and pearle and a neck lace of pearle and some little rubyes in it To my cosen Margarett Bold foure angells to make her a ring and my pearle buttons to sett on a gowne To

[1] Anne, stepdaughter of the testatrix, being the daughter of Sir Peter Legh of Lyme and wife of Richard Bold of Bold Esq.

[2] Thomas Legh D.D. (brother of Mrs. Bold), rector of Sephton and Walton co. Lancaster, married Lettice, daughter and coheiress of Sir George Calveley of Lea Knt. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 339.

my cosen Peter Bold ffoure angells to make him a ring To the rest of Mrs Bolds children ffourty shillings a peece I give to M^r ffrancis Legh of Lime and Mr Peter Legh his brother either of them foure angells to make them either a ring To Docto^r Legh five marks to make him a ringe To litle Peter Legh (sonne of Mr Peter Legh of Lime) five pounds To my cosen Thomas Davyes foure angells to make him a ringe and to his wife a ring wth a rubye in it To my sisterinlaw (my brother Egertons wife) two soveraignes to make her a ring To my Lady Leghs[1] younger sonne (unto whome my Lord Chancello^r was grandfather) five pounds and the one half of my books To my cosen Peter Egerton of the Shawe[2] foure angells to make him a ring and the other halfe of my books and to his wife foure angells to make her a ring and to his daughter my cosen Jane Egerton[3] five pounds and to the rest of his children every one five marks a peece To Mr Robert Mawdesley of Mawdesley five marks and to his wife foure angells to make her a ring I give my cosen Peter Legh of High Legh my greater bason and ewer of silver and tenne pounds to buy him a gelding To my cosen John Egerton[4] and to my cosen Anne Egerton (my brother Egertons children) either of them foure angells to make them either a ring and to my cosen John Egertons wife two angells to make her a ring To my cosen Richard Egerton of Ridley[5] foure angells and to his sonne five marks To my cosen Richard Egertons wife my best chaine and border w^ch

[1] Mary, wife of Sir Francis Leigh of Newnham Regis, father of Francis Leigh Earl of Chichester. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 348.

[2] Peter Egerton of Shawe in the parish of Flixton was nephew of the testatrix and son of Ralph Egerton of Ridley Esq. by his second wife Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of Peter Warburton of Arley Esq. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 162. He married at Flixton 28th April 1611 Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Leonard Asshawe of Shawe, and was buried there 22nd May 1656. Here the family resided until the estate was sold in 1722 to William Latus of Manchester gent.

[3] She married at Flixton 2nd July 1640 Edmund Latham of Irlam gent.

[4] Brother of Peter Egerton of Shawe.

[5] Richard Egerton of Ridley Esq., great nephew of the testatrix, ruined himself by gaming, and sold the family estates. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 161.

my mother gave mee and a dozen of double gilt spoones with two letters in the end (D. B.) My desire is to have these spoones to remayne to the house of Ridley for heire loomes I give to my cosen Elizabeth Warburton twenty pounds and a caskenett wth redd stones in it and my best satten petticoate layd on wth fine laces of gold about the skirt and to her three children every one of them five pounds a peece To my cosen Barbara Egerton a petticoate of crimson damaske layd on wth one broad silver lace and tenne pounds in money and to my cosen Thomas Egerton (her brother) a nest of silver tunnes being tenne in number wch I wish him to keepe for my sake I give to the rest of Sr Richard Egertons children (unto whome I have given nothing before by this my will) every one of them five marks a peece To my godsonne Mr Thomas Legh of Adlington three spurreryalls to make him a ring and to my cosen (his wife) my best cushion cloath and wrought pillow beeres to it and a sweet bagge and a cushionett my best glass and a casting bottle[1] I give to my godsonne Thomas Legh the younger of Adlington tenne pounds To my cosen Alexander Rigby of Midleton tenne pounds to buy him a gelding and to his wife (my cosen Lucie Rigby)[2] my lesser bason and ewer of silver and to my godsonne Alexander Rigby the younger twenty nobles and to my cosen Rigbeys other three children (Urian Lucie and Edward) every one five markes a peece I give to my cosen William Davenport of the Miles End two xxij^s^ peeces to make him a ring and to his wife (my cosen Margarett Davenport) a jewell of aggetts and a fflaggen chaine of gold and my best satten gowne and kirtle and doublett and girdle belonging to it To my cosen William Davenport the younger of the Miles End twenty two shillings and to his wife twenty two shillings To my cosen Edward Warren of Pointon ffoure angells to make him a ring and to his wife (my cosen Margarett Warren) my best

[1] The casting bottle was used for sprinkling or casting perfumes, and had been in use above a century.

[2] Lucy, daughter of Sir Urian Legh of Adlington knight.

gold braceletts and a ring wth a white sapphire in it and a little kanne of silver double gilt To my cosen Mary Basford a lesser paire of gold braceletts To my cosen Basford (her husband) two angells I give to Sr Richard Wilbraham a trebble soveraigne and a ring with deaths head in it and sixe letters engraven in it and to my Lady Wilbraham a ring with a diamond in it To my cosen Hope of Doddleston two xxij^s^ peeces to make him a ring and to his wife a ring with a rubye in it and a payre of silke stockings To my cosen Mary Smith (daughter to my cosen Elizabeth Masterson) a petticoate of crimson taffata wth an embroydred gard about it and a litle ring To my cosen ffrancis Gamull a coife and skirts wrought wth silver and gold To my cosen Susan Broughton my coloured wrought velvett gowne wch is layd about wth silke and gold lace and the kirtle and doublett and girdle belonging to it and the coife and skirts wch she herselfe wrought I give to my sister in lawe Mrs Mary Tildesley[1] tenne pounds To my goddaughter Mrs Prestwich a dozen of silver spoones and a litle mawdlin pott of silver and a petticoate of ffugo[2] satten layd on wth a silke lace To my goddaughter Mrs Dorothie Wise a litle kanne of silver and a ring To Mr John Brethertons wife a silver kanne To Mrs Ashaw foure angells to make her a ring and a silver kanne To Judge Davenport and his wife either of them a trebble soveraigne to make them either a ring To my cosen Edward Mosley[3] of the Hough End foure angells to make him a ring and to his wife (my cosen Mary Mosley) a ring with

[1] Richard Brereton's mother (Alice, daughter of Peter Leycester of Tabley Esq.) married secondly Robert Charnock of Charnock and Astley Esq., by whom she had a daughter Mary, wife of Thurstan Tyldesley of Stansacre, younger son of Edward Tyldesley of Morleys Esq. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 346; *Suffield MSS.*

[2] "Fuger," figured or branched satin. In *Unton Invent.* p. 11; Halliwell.

[3] Edward son of Rowland Mosley of Hough's End, by his second wife Anne, daughter and coheiress of Francis Sutton of Sutton co. Cest. Esq,, bap. at Didsbury September 1616, was created a baronet in 1640. He married Mary, daughter of Sir Gervase Cutler of Stainborough Hall co. York (marriage license dated 6th November 1636), and was buried at Didsbury 4th December 1657.

foure rubyes and a diamond in it and a wrought purse and a payre of silke stockings and to my godsonne Edward Mosley the younger a silver bowle without cover double gilt To my cosen Anne Mosley the elder a ring wth a saphire in it and to my cosen Anne Mosley the younger a wrought purse of silke and gold I give to Mr John Davenport of Woodford two angells and to his wife five marks To Mrs Massey of Denfield two xxij^s^ peeces and to my godsonne (her sonne) five pounds To my godsonne Mr John Starkey[1] five marks and to his wife two angells and to his sonne Mr Nicholas Starkey[2] two angells and to his wife one angell To my godsonne Mr Humphrey Davenport five pounds to make him a ring and to his brother (my cosen James Davenport) foure angells to make him a ring To my goddaughter Dorothie Egerton (daughter to my brother Georg Egerton) tenne pounds I give to these my godsonnes and goddaughters hereafter named (viz.) Mr Edmond ffleetwood Ellis Hay Mrs Dorothie Ashton Mrs Elizabeth Warren Mrs Dorothie ffleetwood daughter to the parson of Wiggan Mrs Dorothie Bukley Dorothie Legh daughter to Mr John Legh Dorothie the wife of Richard Edge of Humbleton William Edge Oliver Darbishire and Dorothie Grundy and to all others unto whome I am godmother to whome I have hereby given no other legacie every one two angells a peece I give to Mr Humphrey Cheetham of Clayton[3] foure angells to make him a ring To my mother Charnocke foure angells To my cosen Dorothie Holland (if she shall happen to belong to me at my death) my silke grogram gowne and my litle gold chaine and a petticoate of fugo satten layd on wth silver and gold lace and spangled I give unto my chambermayd wch shall belong to me at my death tenne pounds and my petticoate of barracan layd on wth silke and gold

[1] John Starkie of Huntroyd Esq., bap. at Eccles 6th December 1584, married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Leigh of Adlington. — *Suffield MSS.*

[2] Nicholas Starkie bap. at Eccles 1st February 1606–7, was accidentally killed in 1642 at Hoghton Tower by an explosion of gunpowder.

[3] The Founder.

lace and two of my best tiffany ruffes and foure of my best smocks and foure of my best aprons To Willim̃ Wood five pounds I give to Roger Young all the money that he oweth me To John Valentine five pounds and to his wife twentie shillings To Peter Bradshaw and his wife tenne pounds betwixt them To Peter Roscow and his wife five pounds betwixt them To Roger Valence five pounds To John Armefield tenne pounds To Mr Thomas Hanmer five pounds and to his wife two angells To Thomas Lunt and his wife either twentie shillings and to their two children (Thomas and Alice) either tenne shillings To widow Sharle fourtie shillings and to Jane Lort twentie shillings To Mr John Legh who lived at Lime two angells and to his wife two angells I give to Margarett Legh Elizabeth Martin and Margary the wife of Robert Jacques (who are or wer servants of Mrs Bold) every one twentye shillings a peece To Roger Roanes and his wife either tenne shillings a peece To John Wood (schoolemaster at Rawsthorne) ffourtie shillings aud to Roger Huett twentie shillings and to Edward Huett twentie shillings and to Edward Hough (who was oure brewer at Lime) twentie shillings To Robert Gaskell and his wife twentie shillings betwixt them and to Alexander Robinson and his wife either of them two angells I give to Mr Legh[1] (the parson of Standish) two angells and to Mr Alexander Horrocks five pounds and to Mr Johnson[2] of Ellinbrooke fourtie shillinges and to Mr Jones[3] vicar of Eccles ffourtie shillings and to his wife twentie shillings and to Thomas Smith cleark of Eccles fourtie shillings and to Mr Richard Worthington ffourtie shillings and to Mr Edward Creswell five pounds and to Mr Edward Woolmr[4] twentie shillings and to his wife

[1] Rev. William Leigh B.D., the learned and aged rector of Standish, instituted 17th November 29th Elizabeth. His will, dated 28th October 1638, was proved at Chester in 1639.

[2] Mr. Thomas Johnson, incumbent of Ellenbrooke.

[3] John Jones inducted to the vicarage of Eccles 18th January 1610–11, was buried there 21st October 1648.

[4] Incumbent of Flixton; instituted in 1629; was buried there 8th May 1660.

tenne shillings I give to Thomas Smith of Smith Fold fourtie shillings and to his wife and his motherinlaw either tenne shillings To Raphe Prickett twenty pounds I give to the rest of my men servants wch shall belong to me at the time of my death (unto whome I have given no other legacie by this my will) every one a yeares wages To Jane ffoxe tenne pounds To Margarett (the wife of George Mercer) if she shall dwell wth me at the time of my death five pounds To old Elizabeth Cooke two old bayes petticoates and fourtie shillings To Elizabeth Brabin (if she shall dwell wth me at my death) ffourtie shillings I give unto the rest of my maid servants (wch shall belong to me at the time of my death unto whome I have given no other legacie) every one a yeares wages I doe moreover give unto all my maid servants wch shall belong to me at the time of my death (my chambermayd and old Elizabeth Cooke excepted) all the rest of my worke day apparell both linnen and woollen (wch are not otherwise before hereby given) to be equally divided among them I give to the poore in Worsley twenty nobles and to the poore in Eccles fourtie shillings and to the poore in Middlehulton fourtie shillings and to the poore about the Deane church twentie shillings and to the poore in Bolton twentie shillings and to the poore in Leigh twentie shillings and to the poore in Tatton fourtie shillings and to the poore in Rawsthorne fourtie shillings and to the poore in Knottsford ffourtie shillings I give to twelve old persons of my tennants in Worsley and Hulton every one a blacke coate or gowne at the discretion of my executo^rs^ Item there is armo^r^ in the armo^r^ house at Worsley wch belongeth to the late tennants of my former husband Mr Brereton both in Cheshire and Lancashire my will and desire is to have it kept and ꝑserved for their use I doe freely and absolutely give and remitt unto my servants and tennants both in Worsley and Hulton all such debts and summes of money and other demands as they shall owe or be indebted to me at the time of my death so as neither they nor any of them shall be answerable to my executors

or unto any other pson for the same in any manner whatsoever My will is that all my debts and funerall expences shall be defrayed and paid forth of the residue of my goods I give all the rest and residue of my goods plate gold silver cattell chattells debts implements houshold stuffe jewells corne hay and psonall estate whatsoever unto my cosen Peter Egerton of the Shawe And ffinally of this my last will and testament I ordeyn and make my sayd cosen Peter Egerton of the Shawe and my cosen Peter Leigh of High Leigh my full and pfect executors And I heartily desire and especially trust my well-beloved cosen Sr Richard Wilbraham of Woodhey to be overseer of the same In witnesse whereof I the said Dame Dorothie Legh have hereunto sett my hand and seale 8 February 1638 [1638-9].

Dorothy Legh.

Sealed declared and published by the sayd Dame Dorothie Legh to be her testamt and last will in the ꝑsence of George Legh Thomas Irlam George Legh John Peake his mark.

A codicill made by me Dame Dorothie Legh of Worsley widow late wife of Sr Peter Legh knight deceased wch I desire may be affixed unto the testament or last will of me the said Dame Dorothie Legh and may be accepted and reputed as pte and pcell thereof wherein I give unto these psons hereafter mencõned these severall legacyes followinge I give unto my cosen Richard ffleetwood of Preston one hundreth pounds wch he oweth unto me To my cosen Alexander Rigby of Middleton fifty pounds over and besides the legacy wch I have already given unto him by my last will I give unto my servant Willim̃ Penke one hundreth pounds To my cosen George Billett who liveth at London one hundreth pounds I give unto Mr Raphe Richardson of Brasin Nose Colledge in Oxford and to my cosen John Prestwich either of them two angells to make them either a ring Unto Ellen Davyes twenty shillings I give unto the workemen in or at the coalepitts and cannell pitts in Middle

Hulton every one tenne shillings a peece In witnesse whereof I have thereunto sett my hand and seale the 29 day of March 1639

Dame Dorothie + Legh her mark.

Witnesses hereof Theodore Deodate Nic. Starkie Marcii 29 1639 J. P. John Peak his mark.

An Inventary of the goods cattells chattells and creditts of Dame Dorothie Legh late of Worsley in the countye of Lancast^{r} widow deceased late wife of Sr Peter Legh late of Lime in the county of Chester knight deceased taken and apprized by Raphe Jackson Willm̄ Hesketh Roger Young and Roger Valence yeom̄ 15 April 1639 Imprimis five draught geldings x^{li} Item eight other geldings and mares xxxviij^{li} Item ffourteene milch kine and two calves lj^{li} x^{s} Item three bulls xij^{li} Item eighteen steeres lxxij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Item three fatt oxen xxxviij^{li} Item ewes and lambes rammes weathers and young sheepe Cxij^{li} xiij^{s} Item swine xxj^{li} xviij^{s} iiij^{d} Item pullen xxxij^{s} viij^{d} Item oats and barley growing lx^{li} Item corn in the barnes at Worsley thrasht and unthrasht lxvij^{li} xiiij^{s} Item corn in the barne at Hulton xx^{li} Item meale in an arke and the arke iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Item in mault xl^{li} Item in the kilne and garñ one hutch one stone troughe a tryer haire cloathes and other things v^{li} xvj^{s} viij^{d} Item hay iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Item carts waynes wheeles ploughs and all other things belonging to husbandry xx^{li} xvj^{s} viij^{d} Item timber upon the barnehill in the workhouse and sawen boards in the parke xix^{li} xv^{s} ij^{d} Item saddles bridles bitts snaffles and other things belonging to the stable vj^{li} ix^{s} Item fewell at Worsley vij^{li} Item coales cannell and basse upon the banke at Hulton Cvj^{li} iij^{s} ij^{d} Item two stithes two payre of bellowes windles ropes chaines arks timber and other things there v^{li} xiij^{s} viij^{d} Item in the ground parlo^{r} bedding and bedsteads four great chests with diverse things in them and other implem^{ts} in that roume lxvij^{li} xj^{s} vij^{d} Item bedding and other things in the litle old parlo^{r} the

chamb over the compast[1] window and Henry Goffes chamb xxv^{li} iiij^{s} vj^{d} Item bedding and other things belonging to the wainscott chamber and to the foure gallery chambers Cxv^{li} vj^{s} Item bedding and other things in the Lady Bentleyes chamber and mayds chamber xviij^{li} ij^{s} xj^{d} Item bedding and other things in Mr Creswalls chamb the roume under it and the litle chamber in the new building xviij^{li} vij^{s} xj^{d} Item bedding and other things in the decedents owne chamber xx^{li} xij^{s} xj^{d} Item turnells tubbes.....and other things belonging to the daye house wash house cocke house and milke house and three hives of bees in the garden vj^{li} xv^{s} Item new linnen cloath and linnens in diverse trunkes and chests Clxviij^{li} xvj^{s} ix^{d} Item in the starching parlo^{r} a trunk and ffeatherbed tickes curtaynes and valence of yellow and blew taffata v^{li} ij^{s} iiij^{d} Item bedding and other things in John Armfields chamb the porters lodge the clocke chamber the brewhouse chamb and the servants chamb xxiij^{li} ij^{s} vij^{d} Item vessels and other things in the brewhouse ix^{li} vj^{s} x^{d} Item fflagons voyders candlesticks and other things in the buttry ix^{li} xvj^{s} iiij^{d} Item in brasse and pewter xliiij^{li} iiij^{s} j^{d} Item spitts gridirons and other necessaryes belonging to the kitchin and larder ix^{li} xiij^{s} x^{d} Item in white and gilt plate CCCCxxxiiij^{li} ix^{s} v^{d} Item in a chest in the starching parlo^{r} and other things in that roume vj^{li} x^{s} iiij^{d} Item in the decedents clossett next to her chamb xiij^{li} xij^{s} iiij^{d} Item in the wooll loft matting and other triffles x^{li} ix^{s} x^{d} Item in the cheese loft and storehouse wthin and the litle storehouse ov the buttrye xxij^{li} viij^{s} iiij^{d} Item in ffoure chests in the maids chamb candles wastcoates gloves smocks and grocery ware wth muffes cushionetts glasses and other triffling things xxx^{li} xv^{s} vj^{d} Item the decedents wearing apparell Cxliij^{li} xiiij^{s} ij^{d} Item tables chaires stooles carpetts and other things belonging to the dining chamb and arrowes at the stayrshead xxij^{li} xix^{s} Item in the hall tables fframes and fformes and twenty eight pikes and three launces v^{li} vij^{s} vj^{d}

[1] A bay window or oriel is called "a compassed window" by Shakspere.

Item in the armory xl^{li} xij^{s} Item a trunke and diverse things therein with other trunkes and boxes wherein are diverse jewells as also ffeatherbed ticks blanketts coverletts sett works cushions and many other things CCClv^{li} Item books xx^{li} Item yarne at the whiting and weaving vij^{li} xvj^{s} viij^{d} Item certayne barrells wth verjuyce old iron and other odd things in a litle roume under the compast window xx^{s} Item in debts by specialty DCXCj^{li} vij^{s}

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